Department of Political Science
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**DUE to the COVID-19 pandemic, all undergraduate courses in Political Science are offered ONLINE in Fall 2020.

POLI 101 CANADIAN POLITICS
Dr. Matt James
CRN: 12585
Online delivery format: Synchronous
This course will give you an introduction to the social bases of Canadian politics focusing on the distribution and exercise of political power. Topics will include: regionalism, Québec nationalism, and economic inequality; political parties, voting, interest groups and the mass media; the policy process.

POLI 103 THE WORLDS OF POLITICS
Dr. Andrew Wender/Dr. Valerie D’Erman
TWF 10:30-11:20
CRN: 12596
Online delivery format: Asynchronous
What is Politics? What is Political Science? Politics can be conceptualized, experienced and engaged in from many different angles, depending on the setting and actors involved. This course will explore the ideas and methods which are used in political science to explore and develop arguments about our world.

POLI 202 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY
Dr. Mara Marin
CRN: 12607
Online delivery format: Synchronous
We study a select number of classical texts in political theory and contemporary texts in order to provide an overview of the field. Some of the questions we will consider are: What is justice? What is the relationship between individual and political community? Do we have political obligations? What is legitimate government? We will discuss concepts such as: justice, virtue, natural law, citizenship, rule, happiness.

POLI 211 EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND THE EU
Dr. Amy Verdun
CRN: 12614
Online delivery format: Synchronously
The European Union (EU) has evolved from a European Economic Community of six Western European member states into a political community that influences the daily lives of its citizens and many outside its borders. How can we explain the evolution and process of European integration? What does the political structure and institutional organization of the EU look like? Who are the main actors? And what are some of the main challenges facing the EU? These are some of the questions we will address in this course.

POLI 217/GDS 201 GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT
Dr. Marlea Clarke
CRN: 12621
Online delivery format: Synchronous
We examine the range of factors, actors and conditions that have shaped global development patterns, inequalities and the conditions and opportunities under which these patterns and inequalities change. Why is there so much inequality and poverty in the world? Why are some countries rich and other countries poor? Does international development make a difference?

POLI 240 INTERNATIONAL POLITICS
Dr. Valerie D’Erman
CRN: 12628
Online delivery format: Asynchronous
This course will give you the knowledge and theoretical background necessary to make sense of international events. We examine the key influences that shape our understanding of global politics, including questions of war and peace, sovereignty, globalization, international human rights and the environment. We also explore the nature and role of the main players that interact on the global stage, including states, transnational corporations, international organizations and terrorist groups.

POLI 263 POLITICS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
Dr. Kelly Aguirre
CRN: 12635
Online delivery format: Thursdays synchronous. Remainder asynchronous
Emphasizing Indigenous understandings and practices, students will examine issues important for understanding the historical and contemporary relationship between Indigenous nations and settler societies as well as historical and contemporary responses to the challenges of Canadian colonialism and imperialism.
POLI 300A ANcient & Medieval Political Thought
Dr. Simon Glezos
Online delivery format: TBA
We will examine a lineage of vital political thinkers and themes linking across greater than one and a half millennia in the history of ideas and civilizations running, specifically, through the eras of ancient Greece, late antiquity, high medieval Europe, and classical Islam. We will focus on Plato, Aristotle, Saint Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, and Ibn Khaldûn.

POLI 300B Early Modern Political Thought
Dr. Mara Marin
Online delivery format: Synchronous
What are the basic problems, concepts and argument of social contract theory? We will read large selections of major works by Thomas Hobbes, John Locke and J. J. Rousseau. Some of the questions we will consider are: What is the relationship between the individual and the political community? Is political society natural or artificial? Are social inequalities based on nature or convention? Are they justified? What is the basis of political obligations? What is a legitimate government? If all men are equal, is slavery justified? If all men are equal why are women subordinate? Is private property justified? We will discuss concepts such as: the state of nature, the social contract, consent, justice, freedom, equality, private property.

POLI 309 Democracy and Disobedience
Dr. Avigail Eisenberg
Online delivery format: Wednesdays synchronous.
Reminder asynchronous
Democracy and disobedience have had a fraught relationship in the history of political thought and practice. Throughout this course, we will explore these questions by engaging with words, ideas, polemics and poetics of people who have participated in political practices of disobedience and resistance. We will study the major thinkers, themes and histories of political disobedience and reflect on the practices of disobedience and systems of democracy.

POLI 313A U.S. Politics: Parties, Elections and Social Movements
Dr. Colin Bennett
Online delivery format: Synchronous
This course will analyze the U.S. political system with a focus on elections, political parties, political participation, the role of interest groups and social movements.

POLI 323 Issues in Politics: Race & Technology
Dr. Janni Aragon
Online delivery format: Wednesdays synchronous.
An analysis into the ways that technological algorithms, policy, and “apps” (applications) are implicated in racial targeting and profiling. Explores current thoughts on technological and digital divide.

POLI 327 Political Economy of the Global South
Dr. Feng Xu
Online delivery format: Synchronous
This course traces the evolution of the global economy and examines some of the dynamics of the global political economy in the 21st century through a focus on the global South (post-colonial countries of Africa, Asia, Caribbean-Pacific, Latin America). In doing so, we will explore key historical processes and developments, and key topics in the contemporary global political economy.

POLI 329 Political Foundations of International Law
Dr. Claire Cutler
Online delivery format: Synchronous
What are the political foundations of international law? We will examine the contested nature of the relationships between international law, international politics and political economy. Materials will equip students with the basic tools that are required to understand how the legal system operates, who comprises this system, how it seeks to regulate a broad range of activities and its general efficacy as a legal order.

POLI 338 Approaches to Political Analysis
Dr. Reeta Tremblay
Online delivery format: Synchronous
This seminar course examines various approaches to contemporary political analysis, with a focus on the assumptions of different theoretical orientations; the conditions under which knowledge claims are made and valued; and variants and critiques of different approaches. Students will be expected to examine and critically evaluate a range of theoretical traditions.

Note: Required for Honours students in their third year. Students majoring in Political Science who wish to take this course should contact the instructor directly.
POLI 345  ETHICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
Scott Watson  TWF 10:30-11:20  
CRN: 12647  
Online delivery format: Tuesdays and Wednesdays synchronous. Remainder asynchronous  
Some of the most pressing issues in international politics require difficult ethical assessment and decision. Should states militarily intervene to protect human rights? Are states justified in restricting immigration? Is there a moral duty to redistribute wealth globally? Is it morally justifiable not to act to prevent climate change? Are there situations in which states may legitimately wage war, and is it ever acceptable to target non-combatants? All of these questions are of current importance and involve difficult moral decisions. The goal of this course is to introduce different traditions of moral thought and to explore their implications for contemporary international issues.

POLI 346  CANADIAN FOREIGN POLICY  
Dr. Will Greaves  MR 14:30-15:50  
CRN: 12648  
Online delivery format: Thursdays synchronous. Remainder asynchronous  
This course explores Canada’s involvement in global politics. However, rather than providing a purely descriptive account of the history of Canadian foreign policy, it conducts a critical analysis that interrogates the trends and activities that have come to define Canada’s international personality and the various forces and actors that have shaped Canada’s global

POLI 350  INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
Cross-listed with ADMN 311  
Dr. Lynne Siemens  Online  
CRN: 12649  
What are the external factors which affect contemporary public sector management in Canada? Learn about the changing structural and value context within which public servants work, the key processes in which they are engaged and how those processes are changing. We will focus primarily on the federal and provincial governments, but references will also be made to public administration at other levels.

POLI 351  PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS  
Dr. Lynn Hancock  W 18:30-21:20  
CRN: 12650  
Online delivery format: Synchronous  
What are some of the theoretical approaches to policy analysis and the different ways to conduct policy analysis? The course introduces students to the theory and practice of policy analysis in Canada. How do policymakers make their decisions? How do policy makers design and implement public policy and what factors do they consider when making decisions and recommendations? Students will have an opportunity to learn about and discuss policy analysis from both a theoretical and practical perspective.

POLI 357  ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS  
Dr. Jamie Lawson  MW 16:30-17:50  
CRN: 12651  
Online delivery format: 1 hour synchronous Mondays and Wednesdays. Remainder asynchronous  
Examine the actors, ideas, and institutions that shape environmental policy outcomes in Canada. We will focus on a selected set of environmental problems in BC and in Canada more generally, and examine the challenges confronting those working to conserve Canadian natural resources and promote a healthy environment. This course examines these questions from the perspective of political science, with a special focus on the implications of environmental policy and politics for democracy and power, and vice versa.

POLI 359 GENDER AND CANADIAN POLITICS (ISSUES IN CANADIAN POLITICS)  
Dr. Grace Lore  M 18:00-20:50  
CRN: 12652  
Online delivery format: Asynchronous  
Course material surveys central topics in the study of gender and politics from a comparative perspective with a particular focus on Canada. Topics include political representation and considers the causes and consequences of the under-representation of women in politics. The role of key political actors, like parties, voters, and the media will be central. We will also relate the study of women in politics to some of the major themes in political science like political institutions, parties, and voting behaviour.

POLI 371 CHINESE POLITICS/ HSTR 365D  
Dr. Guoguang Wu  MR 13:00-14:20  
CRN: 12653  
Online delivery format: Synchronous  
We will focus on the post-Mao period of economic reform (1979-present) in the People’s Republic of China. It places this period in a deeper historical context, exposing some of the discontinuities and continuities of Chinese politics. In this course, politics is defined broadly: beyond strictly institutional approaches to the Chinese state. Main issues covered will include China and imperialism; political campaigns during the Mao era; market economy and the state; capitalism and democracy; China’s role in Africa; migration and urbanization; and the environment.

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POLI 379 ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE IN THE EU: FROM FINANCIAL CRISIS TO CORONA VIRUS (ISSUES IN EUROPEAN POLITICS)
Dr. Amy Verdun
CRN: 12654
Online delivery format: Synchronously
This course examines the politics of economic governance in the European Union (EU). Embedded in history and theory it examines the difficulty of economic policy coordination among diverse EU member states that face numerous trials and tribulations – with particular focus on the past three decades up until the challenges posed by the current Corona virus crisis.

POLI 412 MIGRATION, NATIONALISM IN ASIA (Seminar)
Dr. Feng Xu
CRN: 12655
Online delivery format: Synchronously
Understand and critically analyze the complex political, economic, and cultural dynamics of migration, nationalism, and identity in Asia. While course material is focused on migration within Asia, we view migration in Asia a part of global phenomenon. Main issues covered are migration and development; migration and gender; refugees and forced migration; migration and environment.

POLI 433 A01 PLURALISM AND POLITICAL AUTHORITY (Seminar)
Dr. Avigail Eisenberg
CRN: 12656
Online delivery format: Synchronously
Political authority is often cast in terms of the legitimate power of the state and assessed on the basis of whether state authority extends too far (authoritarianism and fascism) or not far enough (libertarianism and anarchism). This seminar considers some new directions in thinking about political authority that focus on non-state groups such as Indigenous communities, corporations, and religious associations which claim authority to follow their own rules and values even if these depart from ones endorsed by the state. We will consider classical treatments of authority by Hobbes, Weber, Arendt, Foucault, and others, as well as pluralist arguments about state authority, starting with Sophocles play Antigone, moving to early 20th-century political pluralists and critics such as Schmitt. The seminar will consider ways in which political authority today is plural, contested, relational, and enacted through practice.

POLI 433 A02 POLITICS AFTER HOPE (Seminar)
Dr. Simon Glezos
CRN: 12657
Online delivery format: TBA
Political action is often inspired by a sense of hope. So what happens to politics when we find ourselves in situations that seem hopeless? How do we think about politics when the future seems inescapably marked by violence, catastrophe, and destruction? Are there time when shedding our attachment to hope might open up new political possibilities? This seminar will explore contemporary trends in queer theory, critical race theory, indigenous political thought, and environmental political theory which explore the relationship between politics and hope(lessness).

POLI 440 GLOBAL SECURITY (Seminar)
Dr. Will Greaves
CRN: 12658
Online delivery format: Synchronously
The concept of security is integral to understanding contemporary and historical developments in global politics, but security and its study have undergone enormous changes in the years since the end of the Cold War. This course examines these and related questions within international relations and security studies. It will introduce students to a set of theoretical tools based on securitization theory in order to make sense of the numerous, various, and contradictory understandings of the term ‘security’.

POLI 442 INTERNATIONAL LAW (Seminar)
Dr. Claire Cutler
CRN: 12659
Online delivery format: Synchronously
Explore the nature of the relationship between the disciplines of international relations and international law. Each views international law through theoretical lenses that are distinctive to their discipline, but that also give rise to some common concerns. Both fields are recording profound transformations that challenge their conventional wisdom. We will explore the extent to which the worlds of international law and politics are giving way to a new form of world politics where transnational law is eclipsing state-based international law as the dominant form of global governance.

POLI 453 IMAGNING THE MIDDLE EAST (Seminar)
Dr. Andrew Wender
CRN: 12660
Online delivery format: Synchronously
What are the fundamental questions about the politics of the Middle East region? What do we mean when we speak of the Middle East and its politics? To which peoples, locations and phenomena are we referring? What is the significance of the radically diverse and often contentious standpoints from which Middle East politics is discussed and practiced? Students will build a nuanced base of conceptual knowledge and perceptual awareness to facilitate ongoing, detailed engagement with emerging political developments.