Department of Political Science

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POLI 101 CANADIAN POLITICS
Dr. Daniel Westlake  
CRN: 22518  
BWC B150
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  
CRN: 22527  
DTB A120
What is Politics? What is Political Science? This popular course introduces the study of politics from a wide range of levels, from the local community to the world as a whole. Students are introduced to the three sub-fields of politics, comparative politics, international politics, and political theory, as well as to debates and approaches common to the discipline. The fields are examined through the lens of democracy—a foundational, yet contested, concept in the discipline.

POLI 201 CANADIAN INSTITUTIONS OF GOVERNMENT
Dr. Jamie Lawson  
CRN: 22538  
DTB A102
This course is an introduction to Canada’s governing institutions, their origins, and the conceptual frameworks used to understand them. Canada’s constitutional framework emerged gradually, rather than being developed in a comprehensive plan. Key topics include the imperial legacy, Crown sovereignty, parliament, the prime minister and cabinet, the courts, federalism, and security forces.

POLI 202 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY
Dr. Simon Glezos  
CRN: 22545  
BWC A104
This is the required introductory course to the field of political theory within political science. We study a select number of classical texts in political theory and contemporary texts in order to provide an overview of the field and the types of questions it addresses. The emphasis is on the development of critical reading, speaking and writing skills in the analysis of political questions such as freedom, oppression, justice, nonviolence and participation.

POLI 210 COMPARATIVE POLITICS
Dr. Feng Xu  
CRN: 22552  
DTB A102
How does politics work in different countries around the world? Is there a better way of doing politics than the way we do it here? Why are there so many differences between how democracy works in one country compared to another? Why is there so much political conflict in some countries and not others? These are some of the many questions that drive students and scholars of comparative politics. We want to know how politics works in different countries around the world.

POLI 240 INTERNATIONAL POLITICS
Dr. Will Greaves  
CRN: 22559  
HSD A240
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 300B EARLY MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT
Dr. Mara Marin  
CRN: 22566  
CLE A303
This is the second in a series of courses on the emergence of political thought in Western modernity. It focuses on assumptions about the location and character of political life which were established in Europe from the late-fifteenth to the mid-eighteenth century. The course begins with Machiavelli and the Renaissance challenge to the hierarchical, theological, imperial and natural world of medieval society.

POLI 300C POST-ENLIGHTENMENT POLITICAL THOUGHT
Dr. Simon Glezos  
CRN: 22567  
COR B107
This is a lecture and class discussion course on some of the major themes of Enlightenment and Post-Enlightenment political thought from Immanuel Kant in the late eighteenth century to Mahatma Gandhi in the early twentieth century. The main authors are Immanuel Kant, Karl Marx, John Stuart Mill, Peter Kropotkin and Mahatma Gandhi.
POLI 311 GOVERNMENTS AND POLITICS IN EUROPE  
Dr. Valerie D’Erman  
CRN: 22568  
COR B108  
This course in comparative political analysis is designed to provide an overview of key historical, social and institutional aspects of contemporary European politics. The material is laid out thematically, rather than country-by-country, and focuses on comparative governance structures. We will look at central issues and political processes, to include political parties, elections and electoral systems, interest groups, linkage institutions, parliaments and executives, welfare states, and other relevant topics.

POLI 313A U.S. POLITICS: PARTIES, ELECTIONS AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS  
Dr. Colin Bennett  
CRN: 22569  
COR A129  
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 319 CHINA AND THE WORLD: ISSUES IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS: Cross-listed with HSTR 365C  
Dr. Guoguang Wu  
CRN: 22570  
HHB 110  
This course examines the developments of foreign relations of the People's Republic of China (PRC) from a communist isolationist country to a rising power in world politics and the wide policy arena where China perceives, manages, and develops its relations with various powers, groups of countries, geopolitical regions, and international organizations. Course material will help students understand the historical development and current agenda of China’s relation with the world, interpret changes and continuities in China’s foreign relations with the references of China’s various bilateral and multilateral international conducts, and analyze the evolution of China’s role in the contemporary world.

POLI 320 CANADIAN CONSTITUTION  
Dr. Matt James  
CRN: 22571  
COR A225  
Constitutions are always changing and this change tends to be shaped by socio-political conflict and struggle. This course surveys Canadian constitutional change by focusing on the socio-political struggles that have helped to bring about key changes in Canadian governance rules, structures, conventions, and principles of constitutional interpretation.

POLI 321 INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH METHODS IN POLITICS  
Dr. Grace Lore  
CRN: 22572  
COR B107  
This course provides an advanced introduction to the key empirical methods used in the study of politics. Students will learn the elements of the social science research process and to the concepts, issues, and methods involved in conducting research in a public sector and political environment. At the broad level, we will address philosophical questions concerning research methods, discuss political and ethical issues, explore nontraditional research methods, and apply practical matters of method and technique to a variety of topics.

POLI 327 POLITICAL ECONOMY IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH  
Dr. Feng Xu  
CRN: 22573  
COR A225  
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, Caribbean-Pacific, Latin America and Asia). In doing so, it explores key historical processes and developments, and key topics in the contemporary global political economy. Topics will include trade, production, aid, development, resource extraction, labour and migration. The emphasis is on geopolitical power relations, including the geopolitics of south-south relations.

POLI 328 GENDER AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
Dr. Janni Aragon  
CRN: 22574  
COR A229  
This course provides a survey of gender in an international relations context. We will examine the relationship between gender inequalities through the study of key concepts: power, violence, globalization, democratization, transnational feminism, and ethnic nationalism. Students will gain a better understanding of gender, masculinities, feminisms, and the scope and method debates in the field. We will pay special attention to the sub-field of Gender and International Relations and its curious interactions within the larger fields of IR and Political Science.

POLI 340 INTERNATIONAL STUDIES  
Dr. Claire Cutler  
CRN: 22575  
COR B143  
How have theorists and practitioners conceptualized and shaped the regional and global frameworks within which states and other major actors have operated? This course will trace the crucial formative influences that have influenced the development and global expansion of the modern Westphalian system as well as examine alternative systems from different regions and eras.
POLI 341 THE UN AND GLOBAL ISSUES
Dr. Mike Webb  MR 10:00-11:20
CRN: 22576  COR A225
This course examines the UN's role in global politics. Although it explores traditional issues relating to the institution's origin, structure and function, its main animating question asks, "Whose interests are served by the UN?" This question exposes the institutional divide that often separates powerful states from weak states. It also reveals the ongoing tension between competing principles of order and justice and highlights the differences between security for the state and security for the person.

POLI 349 THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF WELFARE STATES: ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS
Dr. Valerie D'Erman  M 17:00-19:50
CRN: 22577  HHB 110
This course uses the topic of Welfare States to engage in comparisons between the political economies of industrialized countries. The focus will be on the processes of taxation and public spending, and how this interrelates with an economy's reliance on family, state, and market. There will also be an examination of how the dynamics of globalization contribute to pressures on welfare state reform.

POLI 350/ADMN 311 INTRO TO PUBLIC ADMIN
Dr. Julie Williams  W 18:30-21:20
CRN: 22578  COR B111
This course explores the external factors affecting contemporary public sector management in Canada, 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 367 POLITICS OF RACE IN CANADA
Instructor: Dr. Rita Dhamoon  MR 10:00-11:20
CRN: 22579  MAC D101
This course explores the social construction and effects of race-making in the Canadian political landscape, with a specific focus on how the Canadian nation-state organizes and ‘manages’ Indigenous peoples/nations and people of colour in similar or different ways. The main theme of the course is power, specifically how forces of racialized power operate to construct group identities and the Canadian nation, and how resistant forms of power are enacted against racial and colonial inequities.

POLI 369 CANADIAN ELECTIONS (ISSUES IN CANADIAN POLITICS)
Dr. Daniel Westlake  MR 11:30-12:50
CRN: 22580  COR B111
Elections play a central role in determining how democracies govern themselves. This course explores the dynamics of Canadian elections. It looks at the underlying factors that influence elections, examining the way that identity, partisanship, and the economy shape the success of different parties and candidates. It further looks at the way that debates, campaigns, and other events have affected election results.

POLI 370 POLITICS OF SURVEILLANCE
Dr. Colin Bennett  MR 14:30-15:50
CRN: 22638  MAC D114
In this course we will investigate the nature and ubiquity of modern surveillance. We will discuss some of the prominent theories of surveillance and debate its effects in a number of contexts—communication, travel, consumption, work and education. We will also explore the various responses—legal, regulatory, technological and socio-political.

POLI 371 EUROPEAN IMMIGRATION: ISSUES IN EUROPEAN POLITICS
Dr. Oliver Schmidtke  MR 10:00-11:20
CRN: 22583  COR A225
Migration has come to shape European societal and political life in vital respects. While European societies have traditionally been primarily countries of emigration, the post-war period has witnessed a massive influx of newcomers. This course will examine themes of national identity, nationalism, inclusion and exclusion, borders and the nationally distinct legacies of addressing migration and integration.
POLI 380: COMMUNICATION AND POLITICS
Dr. Arthur Kroger T 18:00-20:50
CRN: 23651 COR B107
Communications and Politics is an issues-oriented course that explores the impact of digital media on contemporary politics as well as the politics of communication itself. Beginning with a discussion of key theories of communication, the course will investigate what happens when digital media intersects the real world of politics, namely a fundamental change in the actual practice of politics (campaign strategies, media narratives) as well as in the communication of popular resistance (Idle No More, Occupy, the Quebec student protests, etc.). The course will also explore how recent technological innovations in digital media (surveillance, cyber-warfare, robotics, outsourcing) powerfully shape the political future.

POLI 383 GLOBAL INDIGENOUS NATIONALISMS
Rachel George MR 11:30-12:50
CRN: 22637 ECS 125
This course provides a comparative analysis of Indigenous politics with primary (though not exclusive) focus on Indigenous-Settler state relations in Canada, the US, Australia, and New Zealand. Students will develop a broad understanding of Indigenous Peoples’ political movements, political identities, and struggles and successes with regard to sovereignty; the concepts and structures that define political justice for Indigenous Peoples globally; the history and consequences of Settler colonialism for these communities and nations; and the relationship of Indigenous Peoples to nation-states and to the United Nations.

POLI 401 “RACISM AND LIBERAL THEORY” ADVANCED TOPICS IN POLITICAL THEORY (Seminar)
Dr. Mara Marin W 9:30-12:20
CRN: 22584 DTB A357
This seminar will ask whether the liberal theory of justice can address the problem of racial inequality. Readings will include Rawls, Charles Mills, Iris Young, Glenn Loury, Elizabeth Anderson, Tommie Shelby, Chris Lebron, Shatema Threadcraft.

POLI 430/533 MEDIA, TECHNOLOGY AND POLITICS (Seminar)
Dr. Arthur Kroger R 10:00-12:50
CRN: 22652 DTB A357
This course will explore the impact of digital technology upon the real world of computer-mediated experience, including power, communication, bodies, gender, religion and ideology. Emphasizing both the practical and the theoretical, the course will seek to understand the question of technology by discussing the writings of key thinkers of the digital future in addition to exploring innovative practices of technology, ranging from computer games, cell phone to social networking.

POLI 433 “UNDERSTANDING GLOBAL SECURITY” ISSUES IN POLITICS (Seminar)
Dr. Will Greaves W 16:30-19:20
CRN: 22585 DTB A357
This course examines these and other issues within security studies, and introduces students to conceptual and theoretical tools to make sense of the numerous, various, and contradictory understandings of the term ‘security’.

POLI 444 GOVERNANCE IN THE GLOBAL POLITICAL ECONOMY (Seminar)
Dr. Mike Webb MR 14:30-15:50
CRN: 22587 DTB A357
This course explores contemporary processes of globalization (especially economic globalization) and their relationship to patterns of governance. We will examine these issues using theoretical and conceptual approaches as well as look at a number of contemporary policy problems and governance issues associated with economic globalization and the implications of globalization for democracy.

POLI 458/HDCC 400 TOPICS IN ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS
Dr. Jamie Lawson M 14:30-17:20
CRN: 22588 DTB A357
Through concrete case studies and analytical frameworks, this course explores critical political economic analysis in a strategic approach to environmental conflict, dispossession, and just transitions to a greener political economy. Issues covered include natural resource extraction, manufacturing, finance, and consumption in shaping environmental politics in Canada, its diverse provinces, and selected linked or comparator countries.

POLI 463/533/LAW 343: INDIGENOUS LAW AND POLICY (Seminar)
Dr. Heidi Stark T 16:30-19:50
CRN: 22589 DTB A357
Indigenous nations maintain a unique legal and political relationship with the United States and Canada. Indigenous peoples, as the original inhabitants, engaged in diplomatic accords and treaties with newcomers that outlined their sovereign status and national character. In addition, the United States and Canada have further recognized and entrenched Indigenous rights within their state constitutions, statutes, executive orders, and judicial decisions. This course will compare and contrast US and Canadian Indigenous law and policy, paying particular attention to the constitution, court cases, and legal doctrines.