Department of Political Science

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POLI 101 CANADIAN POLITICS
Dr. Lynn Hancock
CRN: 22440
MW 16:30-17:50
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
CRN: 22449
TWF 10:30-11:20
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: 22460
MR 13:00-14:20
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: 22467
TWF 13:30-14:20
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 210 COMPARATIVE POLITICS
Dr. Michelle Bonner
CRN: 22474
TWF 9:30-12:20
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: 22481
TWF 12:30-13:20
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. Simon Glezos
CRN: 22488
R 18:00-20:50
This course aims to familiarize students with basic problems, concepts and argument of social contract theory. We will read selections of works by Thomas Hobbes, John Locke and J. J. Rousseau. Questions we will consider are: What is the relation 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?

POLI 300C POST-ENLIGHTENMENT POLITICAL THOUGHT
Gizem Sozen
CRN: 22489
T 18:00-20:50
Explore how political thought and ideologies from the post-enlightenment period, both political and intellectual, have shaped the 20th and 21st centuries.
The main authors we will study are are Immanuel Kant, Karl Marx, John Stuart Mill, Peter Kropotkin and Mahatma Gandhi.

**POLI 305 DEMOCRACY AND DIVERSITY**  
Dr. Avigail Eisenberg  
CRN: 22490  
This course examines the challenges to democracy in the age of diversity. We begin by examining the emergence of three different approaches to diversity—the politics of difference, multiculturalism and the politics of recognition—then examine challenges to these approaches drawn from feminism, post-colonialism, and other critical perspectives, while considering these challenges in the practical context of current political debates.

**POLI 311 GOVERNMENTS AND POLITICS IN EUROPE**  
Dr. Oliver Schmidtke  
MR 10:00-11:20  
CRN: 22491  
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 313B U.S. POLITICS: PUBLIC POLICY**  
Dr. Colin Bennett  
MR 14:30-15:50  
CRN: 22492  
This course explores the US constitutional system and the operation of legislative, judicial and executive institutions within that system. Some of the issues we will discuss include affirmative action, LGBT rights, abortion, gun rights, capital punishment, freedom of religion, freedom of speech and privacy.

**POLI 320 CANADIAN CONSTITUTION**  
Dr. Matt James  
TR 16:30-17:50  
CRN: 22494  
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 INTRO TO RESEARCH METHODS IN POLITICS**  
Dr. Amy Verdun  
MR 13:00-14:20  
CRN: 22495  
As an introduction to research methods, this course aims to introduce students of political science to questions surrounding how to do research in Political Science and to assess critically research results and research design. The course will teach students how political scientists ask answerable questions; how we define key political concepts; how we formulate hypotheses and theories about political dynamics; how we measure the phenomena we want to study; how we think about and assess relationships of cause-and-effect; and how we report our findings to the world. Students will learn by using employing the concepts, ideas, and methods on a topic of their choosing.

**POLI 323 A01 “FAST FASHION AND THE GLOBAL CLOTHING INDUSTRY” ISSUES IN POLITICS**  
Dr. Marlea Clarke  
MR 11:30-12:50  
CRN: 22496  
The global clothing industry presents a conundrum. On one hand, the industry offers potential benefits in terms of creating employment and economic growth for individual countries. On the other hand, the industry is notorious both for exploiting workers, especially women and racialized workers, and for the environmental degradation that overproduction and overconsumption of ‘fast fashion’ exacerbates. This course will explore the contemporary clothing industry and its history to investigate the complexities and tensions of one of the world’s largest and most important industries. It will look at the political and economic challenges of trying to monitor and regulate a global industry, and explore specific examples where the clothing industry has promoted employment and economic growth as well as problematic examples of “sweatshop” labour and lax environmental regulation. Through a focus on the clothing industry we will examine broader trends in workers’ rights and resistance, capitalism and consumption.

**POLI 324 CHINA AND THE WORLD: ISSUES IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS: Cross-listed with HSTR 365C**  
Dr. Guoguang Wu  
MR 13:00-14:20  
CRN: 22497  
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 326 POLITICS OF THE GLOBAL ARCTIC**  
Dr. Will Greaves  
TWF 10:30-11:20  
CRN: 22498  

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This course examines the remarkable politics of the circumpolar Arctic region and the dynamic changes that it has experienced over the last 25 years. We will reflect on recent developments across a range of applied and academic fields including political science, international relations, political economy, environmental studies and climate change, international law and Indigenous politics and explore how the Arctic reflects broader global patterns and those in which it remains a unique region of the world.

POLI 328 GENDER AND IR
Dr. Janni Aragon   TWF 9:30-10:20
CRN: 22499
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   M 14:30-17:20
CRN: 23594
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 UN AND GLOBAL ISSUES
Dr. Mike Webb   MR 10:00-11:20
CRN: 22501
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

POLI 343 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
Dr. Claire Cutler   W 14:30-17:20
CRN: 22502
This is an introductory course that examines the variety of international organizations that govern global economic, political, and social relations. Theories of global governance will be critically analyzed and we will examine the governance of international security, trade, development, the environment, and human rights.

POLI 350/ADMN 311 INTRO TO PUBLIC ADMIN
Jennifer Hall   W 18:30-21:20
CRN: 22504
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 363 INDIGENOUS POLITICS IN CANADA
Dr. Kelly Aguirre   MR 11:30-12:50
CRN: 22505
This course introduces students to the major concepts, issues and debates that shape Indigenous politics in Canada. These include colonial relationships, Indigenous peoples’ construction and understanding of relationships (to creation, oneself, and to others), and relationships between Indigenous and non—Indigenous peoples in particular partnerships (treaties and alliances). We will address relevant questions surrounding the nature of colonialism, racism, citizenship and identity through a critical review of contemporary literature on Canadian and Indigenous politics.

POLI 376 POLITICS OF INDIA
Dr. Reeta Tremblay   MR 10:00-11:20
CRN: 22507
This course will provide an introduction to the politics and history of the world’s largest democracy. Starting with India’s social and cultural diversity, colonialism and the nationalist movement, we will undertake an analysis of contemporary political development in India, with a focus on its political culture and institutions. In particular, we will critically examine internal and external challenges to the functioning of Indian democracy.

POLI 378 COMPARATIVE FEDERALISM
Dr. Reeta Tremblay   MR 13:00-14:20
CRN: 22508
What are the major theoretical questions surrounding federalism and the political dynamics within federal states? Through analysis of federal societies in both the Global North and South, we will learn about the origins and political organization of federations, and examine the complex relationships between federal political structures and their underlying political communities. We will pay special attention to the structural tensions and societal challenges that frequently beset federations and threaten their long-term survival.
POLI 379 A01/EUS 300  EUROPEAN INTEGRATION: CRISES IN THE EU (ISSUES IN EUROPEAN POLITICS)
Keith Cherry/Dr. Pablo Ouziel  MR 13:00-14:20  CRN: 22509
EUS 300 is a critical, interdisciplinary introduction to the EU and the European integration process. Students will learn about the political, legal and economic institutions which drive integration, and how they are reshaping the current world order. Looking at integration, students will explore how residents, non-governmental organizations, and grassroots social movements are contesting this emerging world order through a range of contemporary political struggles. This course is suitable for students from a wide variety of backgrounds. It requires no previous knowledge, and will be of particular interest to those seeking a critical, well-rounded overview of modern European governance and its implications. This course counts toward a Concentration or Minor in European Studies.

POLI 385 GENDER, RACE AND POWER
Dr. Mara Marin  MR 14:30-15:50  CRN: 22510
“Feminist” and “feminism” refer to a diverse group of theories, movements and practices. This course aims to give a sense of this diversity by discussing the conceptual innovations and theoretical debates central to feminist philosophical thought. We will illustrate the wide variety of feminist thinking by reading texts by radical, liberal, socialist, black, post-colonial and Indigenous feminist theorists. Issues will include violence against women, marriage and the family, women’s work, the social organization of care, representations of women in the media, intersectionality and the nature of oppression.

POLI 401 RACIAL CAPITALISM: ADVANCED TOPICS IN POLITICAL THEORY (Seminar)
Dr. Mara Marin  F 9:30-12:20  CRN: 22511
This class is an introduction to the literature on racial capitalism. We will examine historical and contemporary analyses of the capitalist processes that produce racial divisions. We will read authors such as Cedric Robinson, Eric Williams, Silvia Federici, Maria Mies, Michael Dawson, Nancy Fraser, Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor, Patrick Wolfe, Robert Nichols, Glen Coulthard, Brenna Bhandar and Nikhil Singh. Topics will include: enclosure of the commons, ongoing primitive accumulation of capital, expropriation, colonization, housewifization, and international division of labor, dispossession, slave labor, the devaluation of black labor, etc.

POLI 414 EUROPEAN POLITICS (Seminar)
Dr. Amy Verdun  W 9:30-10:20  CRN: 22512
This seminar course is devoted to both theoretical analysis as well as current events. It deals with the history and institutions of the EU, current challenges and achievements of the EU. The course assesses various theoretical approaches for understanding the integration process governments. Learning outcomes include paper writing, research, discussion skills and integrating theoretical knowledge with current events.

POLI 433-A01  “YOUTH POLITICS” ISSUES IN POLITICS (Seminar)
Dr. Janni Aragon  T 11:30-14:20  CRN: 22513
We will examine youth politics and explore its various political implications. We will also explore digital storytelling as a means for youth to work as political producers and not merely consumers. Topics we will examine vary from: voting, political participation, civic engagement, education, activism, technology, popular culture, work and resistance.

POLI 436 HUMAN RIGHTS IN NEW DEMOCRACIES (Seminar)
Dr. Michelle Bonner  W 12:30-15:20  CRN: 22514
Argentina is the quintessential example of a country that has pursued transitional justice. The country went through a brutal authoritarian regime from 1976-1983. Tens of thousands of people were imprisoned, tortured, disappeared, and killed. When it ended the newly elected president immediately organized a truth commission and held trials against former military leaders. Eventually reparations were extended and sites of commemoration were established. Is Argentina a model for other transitional countries? In this course we will explore the issues surrounding transitional justice. The class discussions will focus on the case of Argentina and what we learn from this case that is useful for other countries.

POLI 444 GOVERNANCE IN THE GLOBAL POLITICAL ECONOMY (Seminar)
Dr. Mike Webb  MR 13:00-14:20  CRN: 22515
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 456 POLITICS OF THE INTERNET (Seminar)
Dr. Colin Bennett  R 10:00-12:50
CRN: 22516
Despite being barely 20 years old, the public internet has significantly transformed modes of capital distribution, communication and the means of political action. The internet has, and continues to, shape interactions between citizens, governments and corporations. This course will investigate some of the most significant dimensions and activities that are inextricably linked to the internet.

POLI 463 VIOLENCE TO INDIGENOUS LANDS AND BODIES (Seminar)
Dr. Heidi Stark  M 10:00-12:50
CRN: 22517
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.