

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY
GEOG3811 POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY
FALL 2015

CONTACT INFORMATION

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DELIVERY LOCATION

Course Location: OA2015
Times: T/Th 11:30-1:00

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A geographical approach to political patterns on a world, regional and local scale. The concepts of the territorial state, nation and nationalism, and geopolitical power. Electoral geography and patterns in local politics.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students should leave this course with a better understanding of how politics infringes on every part of their everyday life.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

Textbook: Painter, J & Jeffrey, A. (2009) Political Geography 2nd ed Los Angeles: Sage
Additional readings may be assigned

EVALUATION

Component	Value	Due Date	
Assignment 1	20%	Oct 8 th	
Midterm	25%	Oct 29th	
Assignment 2	20%	NOV 24	
Final	35%	Set by registrar	

Assignments:

The penalty for late submission is 10% unless arrangements have been made BEFORE the DUE DATE.

ASSIGNMENT THREE: START THIS WEEK

Keep a journal for ten weeks consisting of three entries each week.

Topics must relate to political geography and should include a mix of local, national and international stories. No more than 15 at any one of these spatial scales. You may follow an ongoing story or have new topics each week. Note: Federal elections are a good topic.

Each entry should be a précis (annotated bibliography) of a news item and should be about 100 words. Complete each entry with a statement explaining how the item fits into the course.

Do not submit original news article.

The item should be taken from a Canadian newspaper, magazine or on-line source. A reference for the source should be included for each entry. At least four different sources should be used.

Present as typed single spaced report. You may put it in a duo-tang folder if you wish. Due in class NOV 24th

ASSIGNMENT ONE : Discuss the relationship between Canada and one other state. Explain why Canada has chosen to have the political, economic and military relationships that it has with this state. You may start with the CIA World Fact Book but need to also use three academic sources. Your report should be 1500 words in length (not including any diagrams, tables, maps, reference pages). Typed double spaced, Times New Roman 12 pt or equivalent. Use APA (author, date) referencing and include a bibliography. Title page, no plastic covers please. Due in class October 8th

ASSIGNMENT TWO: Local governments have the greatest effect on your life because they control the things you come in contact with every day. Identify a local issue (you may use Orillia or Barrie or your hometown). Discuss how the issue has been discussed in the media and then find three academic articles in the geography or planning literature that support public opinion or provide alternative viewpoints. Your report should be 1500 words in length (not including any diagrams, tables, maps, reference pages). Typed double spaced, Times New Roman 12 pt or equivalent. Use APA (author, date) referencing and include a bibliography. Title page, no plastic covers please.

Due in class October 29th

Final Exam:

A short answer test giving equal coverage to each topic.

MISSED EXAMS

Make-up examinations will only be given with written documentation from a healthcare practitioner using the official Student Health Certificate, available at

<http://registrar.lakeheadu.ca/uploads/docs/F.HealthCertificate.pdf> (see next page).

. There will be no rescheduling of examinations to accommodate holiday travel or extracurricular activities. No one will be allowed to write examinations prior to the scheduled date.

GRADING SCHEME

A+	90 to 100%	Outstanding understanding of the course concepts including integration of materials and ideas, ability to apply knowledge to situations
A	80 to 89%	
B	70 to 79%	Above average to excellent knowledge, ability to apply knowledge to situations
C	60 to 69%	Satisfactory knowledge including ability to recognise and apply major course concepts, and to progress to next level of course
D	50 to 59%	Some grasp of course concepts; will likely encounter difficulty with higher levels
E	40 to 49%	Failed to meet minimum requirements of the course
F	1 to 39%	Failure
F	0	Failure resulting from academic dishonesty

Students are advised to refer to the University Calendar to ensure that they have adequate grades and/or average to proceed in their program.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Class	Date	Topic	Material
1	Sept 15/17	Concepts in Political Geography	Intro/ Chp 1
2	22/24	The State	Chp 2
3	30/Oct 1	The Nation	Chp 7
4	6/8	Imperialism	Chp 8 (Assignment 1 due 8 th)
5	13/15	Geopolitics	Chp 9
6	20/22	Political Viewpoints	Chp 3
7	27/29	Democracy	Chp 4 Assignment 2 due 29th
8	Nov 3/5	Canada's Constitution	http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/csj-sjc/just/05.html and http://www.pch.gc.ca/eng/1356631760121/1356631904950
9	10/12	Identity Politics	Chp 6 Nov 4 Last DROP day
10	17/19	Locality Politics	TBA
11	24/26	Municipal Government	Chp 5 Assignment due 24th
12	Dec 2/5	Conclusion and Review	

NOTE: Any important announcements, including changes in due dates will be announced in-class and sent to you by email.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Student Accessibility Services (SAS) (Thunder Bay) and Student Affairs (Orillia) coordinate services and facilitates reasonable academic accommodations for students with disabilities. Academic accommodations are provided on the basis of documentation of a disability. Additional information is available at the following campus websites:

Thunder Bay: <http://learningassistance.lakeheadu.ca/>.
Orillia: <http://orillia.lakeheadu.ca/about-us--orillia-student-affairs/>

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

The University takes a most serious view of offences against academic honesty such as plagiarism, cheating and impersonation. Penalties for dealing with such offences will be strictly enforced.

A copy of the "Code of Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures" including sections on plagiarism and other forms of misconduct may be obtained from the Office of the Registrar or at <http://policies.lakeheadu.ca/policy.php?pid=60>

The following rules shall govern the treatment of candidates who have been found guilty of attempting to obtain academic credit dishonestly.

- (a) The minimum penalty for a candidate found guilty of plagiarism, or of cheating on any part of a course will be a zero for the work concerned.
- (b) A candidate found guilty of cheating on a formal examination or a test, or of serious or repeated plagiarism, or of unofficially obtaining a copy of an examination paper before the examination is scheduled to be written, will receive zero for the course and may be expelled from the University. Students disciplined under the Code of Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures may appeal their case through the Judicial Panel.

Note: "Plagiarism" shall be deemed to include:

1. Plagiarism of ideas as where an idea of an author or speaker is incorporated into the body of an assignment as though it were the writer's idea, i.e. no credit is given the person through referencing or footnoting or endnoting.
2. Plagiarism of words occurs when phrases, sentences, tables or illustrations of an author or speaker are incorporated into the body of a writer's own, i.e. no quotations or indentations (depending on the format followed) are present but referencing or footnoting or endnoting is given.
3. Plagiarism of ideas and words as where words and an idea(s) of an author or speaker are incorporated into the body of a written assignment as though they were the writer's own words and ideas, i.e. no quotations or indentations (depending on format followed) are present and no referencing or footnoting or endnoting is given.
4. Handing in another person's work as your own
5. Submitting the same work to more than one professor without the prior consent of both professors.

A listing of University Regulations can be found at:

<http://calendar.lakeheadu.ca/current/contents/regulations/univregintro.html>