

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY
GEOG3811 POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY
FALL 2016

CONTACT INFORMATION

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DELIVERY LOCATION

Course Location: OA1025

Times: T/Th 2:30-4:00

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 6 th	
Midterm	25%	Oct 20th	
Assignment 2	20%	NOV 15th	
Final	35%	Set by registrar	

Assignments:

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

ASSIGNMENT TWO: START THIS WEEK

Keep a journal for ten weeks consisting of three entries each week. (Style of an annotated bibliography) including reading week.

One article should report on the Democratic campaign in the USA, One article should comment on the Republican campaign. One article should discuss the US election and Canada. You may follow an ongoing story or have new topics each week. Each entry should be a précis (annotated bibliography) of a news item or commentary 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 newspaper, magazine or on-line source. A reference for the source should be included for each entry. At least six 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 15th

ASSIGNMENT ONE : Discuss the relationship between Canada and one other state other than the USA. 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 6th

Mid Term Test: Short answer questions emphasis on material covered in class or in required readings. October 25th

Final Exam:

A short answer test emphasis on material since midterm with some general questions.

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.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Class	Date	Topic	Material
1	Sept 6/ 8	Concepts in Political Geography The State	Text Intro & Chapter 1 Chp 2
2	13 /15	The State Boundaries	Chp 2
3	20 /22	The Nation	Chp 7
4	27 /29	Colonialism and Imperialism	Chp 8
5	Oct 4 /6	Decolonialism Geopolitics	(Assignment 1 due 6 th) Chp 9
6	11/13	Reading Week	
7	18/ 20	United Nations & Globalization Midterm	
8	25/ 27	Regional Organizations The state and the Economy	Chp 3
9	Nov 1 /3	Neoliberalism Democracy	Chp 4 Nov 4 Last DROP day
10	8/ 10	Electoral Geography Political Points of View	
11	15/ 17	Identity Politics Local Government	Chp 6 Assignment due 15th Chp 5
12	22 /24	Gentrification Politics and the Environment	
	Nov 29/ Dec 1	Conclusion and Review	

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

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.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Accommodations: Lakehead University is committed to achieving full accessibility for persons with disabilities. Part of this commitment includes arranging academic accommodations for students with disabilities to ensure they have an equitable opportunity to participate in all of their academic activities. If you think you may need accommodations, you are strongly encouraged to contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) and register as early as possible. For more information, please visit: <http://studentaccessibility.lakeheadu.ca> Student Accessibility Services (SAS) and 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/univregsintro.html>