



Department Geography
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GEOG3811 POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY

Instructor Information

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Course Identification

Course Number: GEOG 3811
CLASS TIMES/ PLACE OA2010 M/W 5:30-7:00PM
Course Outline See D2L "CONTENT" or
<https://www.lakeheadu.ca/users/H/rhorne/teaching>

Course Description/Overview -

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 Learning Objectives

Students should leave this course with a better understanding of how politics infringes on every part of their everyday life and how political activities can be evaluated.

Course Resources

Course Website(s)
• [myCourseLink](#)

Course Text: Painter, J & Jeffrey, A. (2009) Political Geography 2nd ed. Los Angeles: Sage

Additional/optional material may be linked via D2L

Course Schedule/Outline

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

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

Evaluations

Component	Value	Due Date
Assignment 1	20%	Oct 6 th
Midterm	25%	Oct 20th
Assignment 2	20%	NOV 17th
Final	35%	Set by registrar

Assignments:

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

See “How to Write an “A” Essay” on D2L for guideline.

ASSIGNMENT ONE: 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 6th

ASSIGNMENT TWO: 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 or the Government of Canada’s website, but you need to also use three academic sources. You may also use media 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 Nov 17th

Mid Term Test: Short answer questions emphasis on material covered in class or in required readings. October 20th

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. Do not make plans to travel before Dec 20th until the exam date is published.

Course Policies

- Attendance at class is expected.
- Communications with me should be via email and a response should be given within 12 hours. Use your university email address and send via university email to rhorne@lakeheadu.ca.
- Students are expected to follow the behavioral standards referenced in the [Student Code of Conduct - Academic Integrity](#)

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I understand and agree that:

(1) Unless otherwise allowed by the course instructor, I must complete the assignments in this course without the assistance of anyone else.

(2) Unless otherwise allowed by the course instructor, I must not access any sources or materials (in print, online, or in any other way) to complete any course exam.

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- [Student Success Centre](#)
- [Student Accessibility Centre](#)
- [Library](#)
- [Lakehead International](#)
- [Indigenous Initiatives](#)

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