

GEOG 3811: Political Geography
Course Outline
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Welcome to Political Geography. In this course we will explore how politics, the projection of power, operates in a geographical context. Some spaces that we will explore include the rural and the urban, the state, the university and the role of education, and war. We will be using D2L and Zoom technology to safely complete this course.

For this course you will need the following materials:

- An atlas.
- Access to the series *Vietnam*, by Ken Burns.
- A copy of *Reshaping the University* by Raunua Kuokkanen. UBC Press.2007.
- A copy of *Maoism* by Julia Lovell. This can be the paperback version.

The following assignments will be expected:

- 2 5-minute “Lightning Talks” on topics chosen from the Ken Burns film. Each talk should be a biography or description of some person or place. These will be worth a total of 30 points.
- 1 300-word personal political manifesto. This will be due after reading break and be worth 20 points.
- 1 Risk Assessment of a place or group. This will be due at the end of the course. It will be worth 50 points.

Thank you for choosing this course as part of your learning. Opportunities to talk with me in-person will occur before and after each lecture period.