

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Human Rights and Civil Liberties

POLI-2313-FA (which includes POLI-2313-FA, INDI-2319-FA and CRIM-2313-FA)

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Fall, 2021
Tuesdays and Thursdays
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; AT-2004

Required Textbook

None.

Resources or links to resources to be provided.

Course Requirements and Evaluation

Mid-term Examination (take home-October 26-29) worth 30% (**Mandatory**)

Student Presentation/Essay (student presentations to be scheduled and essay to be submitted by email by November 28 at 6:00 p.m.) worth 70% (**Optional**)-
of that 70%, 30% is for the presentation and 40% is for the essay itself

OR

Final Examination (Dec. exam period-format to be determined) worth 70% (**Mandatory only if students do not do the presentation/essay option**)

The mid-term examination is a take home exam consisting of short answer and essay type questions that you will return by email within 72 hours (sent to students on October 26, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.; to be returned by students on October 29, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.). The final examination (one and one half hours in length) is a closed book examination and will be scheduled during the December exam period. **The student presentation/essay submission is optional, with presentations scheduled for November classes: only students who do not choose to do the student presentation/essay option will be required to write the final examination in the December examination period from December 9 to December 19. Student presentations will occur in-class for 30-45 minutes each, with the essay covering the topic presented in class. Power point presentations to be submitted to lecturer and to all students 48 hours prior to presentation.**

The final examination will include questions from the entire term and will be based on all lectures, all power point slides, all student presentations and all assigned readings.

Schedule for Term

Week One-September 7 and 9-Lecture 1: Introduction

Readings to be assigned in class

Course outline reviewed.

Week Two-September 14 and 16-Lecture 2: History of Rights Protections

Readings to be assigned in class

Week Three-September 21 and 23-Lecture 3: The Criminal Justice System and Rights Protections

Readings to be assigned in class

Week Four-September 28 and 30-Lecture 4: Ontario Human Rights Code

Readings to be assigned in class

Week Five-October 5 and 7-Lecture 5: Canadian Courts and Civil Rights Cases

Readings to be assigned in class

Week Six-October 19 and 21-Lecture 6: Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and Legal Rights

Readings to be assigned in class

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Week Seven-October 26 and 28-Lecture 7: Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Readings to be assigned in class

Take-home examination released October 26, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and to be returned by email to kcleghor@lakeheadu.ca by October 29, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Week Eight-November 2 and 4-Student Presentations

Week Nine-November 9 and 11-Student Presentations

Week Ten-November 16 and 18-Student Presentations

Week Eleven-November 23 and 25-Student Presentations

Week Twelve-November 30 and December 2-Student Presentations

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The above is subject to change, depending upon the situation with COVID 19 and the number of student presentations. Students are responsible to be available for the final examination, if applicable, to be scheduled for the examination period from December 9-19, 2021. **Students are responsible to know the time and date of the final examination by consulting the Lakehead University examination timetable. The final examination may be administered on-line or be in person at a location on campus.**

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