

# L A K E H E A D U N I V E R S I T Y

## 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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#### **Required Textbook**

None.

Resources or links to resources to be provided.

#### **Course Requirements and Evaluation**

(1) Mid-term Examination (take home-October 24-27) worth 40%  
**(Mandatory)**

(2) Student Presentation/Essay (student presentations to be scheduled and essay to be submitted by email by November 24 at 6:00 p.m.) worth 60%  
**(Optional)- of that 60%, 30% is for the presentation and 30% is for the essay itself**

**OR**

Final Examination (December exam period-format to be determined) worth 60%  
**(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 24, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.; to be returned by students no later than October 27, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.). The final examination (one and one half hours in length) is a closed book examination and will be scheduled for the December exam period from December 7-December 17. **The student presentation/essay submission is optional, with presentations scheduled for October and November classes: only students who do not choose to do the student presentation/essay option will be required to write the final examination during the December exam period. 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 (failure to do that will result in loss of two marks).**

**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 11-Lecture 1: Introduction

Readings to be assigned in class

Course outline reviewed.

Week Two-September 18-Lecture 2: History of Rights Protections

Readings to be assigned in class

Week Three-September 25-Lecture 3: The Criminal Justice System and Rights Protections

Readings to be assigned in class

Week Four-October 2-Lecture 4: Ontario Human Rights Code

Readings to be assigned in class

October 9-**NO CLASS (Study Week)**

Week Five-October 16-Lecture 5: Canadian Courts and Civil Rights Cases

Readings to be assigned in class

Week Six-October 23-Lecture 6: Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and Legal Rights

Readings to be assigned in class

Take-home examination released October 24, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. and to be returned by email to [kcleghor@lakeheadu.ca](mailto:kcleghor@lakeheadu.ca) by October 27, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Week Seven-October 30-Lecture 7: Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Readings to be assigned in class

Week Eight-November 6-Student Presentations

Week Ten-November 13-Student Presentations

Week Eleven-November 20-Student Presentations

Week Twelve-November 27-Student Presentations

Week Twelve-December 4-Student Presentations (if necessary) or movie night

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 December exam period. **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 from December 7 to December 17.**

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