

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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Mondays
7:00-10:00 pm;
RB-2024

Office: RB 2050; Office Hours to be provided (if any)

Required Textbook

None.

Resources or links to resources to be provided.

Course Requirements and Evaluation

(1) Mid-term Examination (take home-October 22-26) 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 pm) 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 22, 2025 at 9:00 am; to be returned by students no later than October 26, 2025 at 6 pm). 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 5-December 14. **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 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 8-Lecture 1: Introduction
Readings to be assigned in class
Course outline reviewed.

Week Two-September 15-Lecture 2: History of Rights Protections
Readings to be assigned in class

Week Three-September 22-Lecture 3: The Criminal Justice System and Rights Protections
Readings to be assigned in class

Week Four-September 29-Lecture 4: Ontario Human Rights Code
Readings to be assigned in class

Week Five-October 6-Lecture 5: Canadian Courts and Civil Rights Cases
Readings to be assigned in class

October 13-**NO CLASS (Study Week)-Happy Thanksgiving!**

Week Six-October 20-Lecture 6: Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and Legal Rights
Readings to be assigned in class
Take-home examination released October 22, 2025 at 9:00 am and to be returned by email to kclegghor@lakeheadu.ca by October 26, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Week Seven-October 27-Lecture 7: Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples
Readings to be assigned in class

Week Eight-November 3-Student Presentations

Week Ten-November 10-Student Presentations

Week Eleven-November 17-Student Presentations

Week Twelve-November 24-Student Presentations

Week Twelve-December 1-Student Presentations (if necessary) or movie night

The above is subject to change, depending upon 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 5 to December 14.**

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