

Course Outline PS 3217SDE - 2013

Local Government in Canada

Description: An analysis of theories of local government, the evolution and structure of local government, and the political and administrative functioning of local governments in Canada.

Topics/Modules: (see Course Contents)

- Module 1 – **Defining Local Government- The Legal and Political Framework**
- Module 2 – **Adapting to Urbanization: Cities become the Norm in Canada**
- Module 3 – **Politics and Management in Canadian Urban Government**
- Module 4 – **Financing Local Government: Re-Assigning Resources**
- Module 5 - **First Nations as Local Governments: The Future of Canada**

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Learning Objectives: Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- define structural and financial relationships of municipal governments with other levels of government;
- define styles of governance;
- outline and describe processes, functions and policies of local governments, including the public, social movements and groups;
- describe the media's influence on local government;
- identify key issues for local government, and identify actions and priority-setting by local government;

Required Texts and Materials

Sancton, Andrew. Canadian Local Government: An Urban Perspective. Toronto: Oxford University Press, 2011.

On-Line Readings – In Modules

Evaluation:

1 - Discussion Questions – 20 X 2 = 40 marks - Each student is responsible for answering all questions in each Module

2 -Final Examination 2 hours– 60 marks

- **Section One** – identification questions (short paragraph answers)
- **Section Two** – short essay question (1-2 pages)