

Department of Political Science: Contract Lecturer Positions: 2026/2027 Fall/Winter Session

Application Deadline: May 26, 2026

Faculty of Social Science and Humanities, Department of Political Science.

Lakehead University, Orillia and Thunder Bay Campus, invites applications for Contract Lecturers in the Department of Political Science. Applications are requested to teach:

POLI-1301 YDE: Introduction to Law: Introduces fundamental legal concepts and legal systems. Examines the types of law, the process of lawmaking, the organization of the legal system, the role of law in various political systems, and other primary issues related to the study and practice of law. Examples are drawn from Canadian and other legal systems of the world. Uses a variety of robust experiential components designed to prepare students for subsequent courses in law and politics.

Credit Weight:1.0; **Start/End Date: September 1, 2026 – April 30, 2027; Mode of Delivery: WEB (Asynchronous) Course**

POLI-2110 WDE: Canadian Government & Politics: Examines the development and practice of Canadian political institutions, especially the Prime Minister, Parliament, and the Courts. Also covers the interaction between the executive and the legislature, the role of interest groups and political parties in policy making, and the legal and political impact of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Credit Weight:0.5 **Start/End Date: January 1, 2027**

**- April 30, 2027 ; Mode of Delivery: WEB (Asynchronous)
Course**

POLI-2311 FA: Criminal Law: A study of the Canadian Criminal Code, rules of evidence, and sentencing. The course will draw on recent court decisions and procedures. Credit Weight:0.5 ; **Start/End Date: September 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027 ; Mode of Delivery: On Campus – Thunder Bay –Tuesday 7:00-10:00 pm**

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POLI-2313 FA: Human Rights & Civil Liberties: The study of human rights with emphasis on Canadian civil liberties, the Bill of Rights and constitutional developments. The course will also examine civil liberties, human rights and minority group protection in an international context. Credit Weight:0.5 ; **Start/End Date: September 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 ; Mode of Delivery: On Campus – Thunder Bay –Wednesday 7:00-10:00 pm**

POLI-2335 FDE: Politics, Government & Society US: An examination of American political institutions and political culture, the relationship between government and society, the policy process and selected policy issues. Attention will be paid to America's world role and its relationship with Canada. Credit Weight:0.5 ; **Start/End Date: September 1, 2026 – December**

**31, 2026 ; Mode of Delivery: WEB (Asynchronous)
Course**

POLI-3113 WA: Law & Politics of the Family: A survey of family law in Canada including the political issues and controversies.

Credit Weight:0.5: **Start/End Date: January 1, 2027 – April 30, 2027 ; Mode of Delivery: On Campus – Thunder Bay– Monday 7:00-10:00 pm**

POLI-3215 FDE: Ontario Politics: An examination of political institutions, political processes and political behaviour in Ontario. Credit Weight:0.5 ; **Start/End Date: September 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 ; Mode of Delivery: WEB (Asynchronous) Course**

POLI-3337 FDE: Canadian Federalism: An examination of the evolution of Canadian federalism from 1867 to present. Topics include the impact of judicial review on the degree of centralization, the financial arrangements which link federal and provincial governments, proposals, for senate reform, and the issue of Quebec's possible secession. Credit Weight:0.5

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POLI-3351 FDE: Indigenous Peoples and the Law: An examination of the unique legal position of Indigenous Peoples in Canada with particular emphasis on the political, economic and social impact of the law. Topics to be dealt with include: International Law and Indigenous people, Indigenous identity in Canada, the nature of Aboriginal title, the scope of Indigenous rights, pre- and post-confederation treaties (particular emphasis on treaties in northwestern Ontario), land claim negotiations

(specific and comprehensive land claims), self-government, constitutional developments, and the nature of amendments to the Indian Act. Credit Weight:0.5 ; **Start/End Date: September 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026** **Mode of Delivery: WEB (Asynchronous) Course**

POLI-4110 FDE: Research Methodology : Both qualitative and quantitative approaches to political research are analyzed with emphasis on research design, covering topics such as specifying research problems, structuring social-scientific inquiries, designing questionnaires, and collecting data. Other topics will include organizing and analyzing quantitative and qualitative data using computer applications. Credit Weight:0.5 ; **Start/End Date: September 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026** ; **Mode of Delivery: ZOOM (Synchronous) Course –Thursday 2:30-5:30 pm**

POLI-4150 WDE: Selected Topics in Constitutional Law : An examination of selected key contemporary issues in the areas of Law and Legal Studies. Issues to be examined will vary according to the interests of the students and the instructor. Credit Weight:0.5 **Start/End Date: January 1, 2027 – April 30, 2027** ; **Mode of Delivery: ZOOM (Synchronous) Course – Tuesday 8:30-11:30 am**

POLI-4255 WAO: Canadian Public Policy A survey of existing frameworks for the study of public policy and an examination of the formation, implementation and impact of policies in selected fields. Credit Weight:0.5 ; **Start/End Date: January 1, 2027 – April 30, 2027** ; **Mode of Delivery: On Campus – Orillia – Thursday 11:30-2:30 pm**

POLI-4911 FDE: Special Topics - Political Rhetoric: Subject matter to be determined by needs and interests of participating students and faculty. Credit Weight:0.5

Start/End Date: September 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Mode of Delivery: ZOOM (Synchronous) Course - Monday 8:30-11:30 am

Qualifications Preferred

Ph.D. in Political Science preferred, with teaching experience at the post-secondary level. Candidates lacking the specific degree qualification (e.g., ABD doctoral students), but who possess an appropriate combination of experience and other academic qualifications are also encouraged to apply. Experience with experiential learning and online or alternative modes of delivery is highly desired.

Compensation

In accordance with Collective Agreement provisions, Contract Lecturers shall be remunerated at one of the three following levels:

Level 1: \$8,355

Level 2: \$8,590

Level 3: \$9,059

Lakehead is a comprehensive university with a reputation for innovative programs and cutting-edge research. Our campuses are located in [Thunder Bay](#) on the traditional lands of the Fort William First Nation, Signatory to the Robinson Superior Treaty of 1850 and in [Orillia](#) on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, and Rama First Nation. Lakehead University acknowledges the history that many nations hold in the areas around our campuses and is

committed to a relationship with Métis and Inuit and First Nations peoples. Lakehead has approximately 10,000 students and 2,160 faculty and staff. With an emphasis on collaborative learning and independent critical thinking and a multidisciplinary teaching approach, Lakehead offers a variety of degree and diploma programs at the undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral levels through its nine faculties, including Business Administration, Education, Engineering, Health and Behavioural Sciences, Natural Resources Management, Science and Environmental Studies, Social Sciences and Humanities, Graduate Studies, and Faculty of Law. For further information, please visit: www.lakeheadu.ca.

For further information, please contact Dr. Toby Rollo, Chair. Detailed information on the Department of Political Science and our programs is available at: <https://www.lakeheadu.ca/programs/departments/political-science>

Review of applications will begin on **May 27, 2026** and will continue until the positions are filled. The electronic application (in the form of one PDF document) should include: a curriculum vitae, statement of teaching interests and/or evidence of teaching effectiveness. A completed [Confirmation of Eligibility to Work in Canada.pdf](#) form must accompany your package. We encourage applicants with the Right of First Refusal (as outlined in article 19.03.02 of the LUFA/LU Collective Agreement) to indicate their status in their application.

Applicants should submit their electronic application to:
Department of Political Science
Lakehead University

955 Oliver Road
Thunder Bay, ON P7B 5E1
Attn: Dr.T. Rollo, Chair
E-mail: trollo@lakeheadu.ca and
cc: kwoychys@lakeheadu.ca (Administrative Assistant)

Lakehead University is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive environment and welcomes applications from all qualified individuals including women, racialized persons, Indigenous people, persons with disabilities and other equity-seeking groups. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. This is in accordance with Canadian immigration requirements.

Lakehead University has an [Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan 2019-2024](#) with a goal to recruit and retain a diverse workforce as measured by increasing representation of under-represented groups among applicants, candidates and hires. We encourage candidates to self-identify, if you are from an under-represented group, and prefer candidates with the knowledge, competencies and relationships derived from lived experience. Experience working with Indigenous or racialized communities, and/or members of other equity-deserving groups is a strong asset. A lived experience or worked experience of any of these issues is preferred.

We appreciate your interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be notified. Lakehead University is committed to supporting an accessible environment. Applicants requiring accommodation during the interview process should contact the

Office of Human Resources at (807) 343.8010 ext. 8334
or human.resources@lakeheadu.ca to make appropriate
arrangements.

These positions are subject to final budgetary approval.