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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE  
PS 3217

Local Government in Canada

Seminar: Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.  
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### Course Description

In this course we will be examine the role of cities and city regions in Canada. Over the years the role of cities has increased in the areas of globalization, economic development, political integration. Considering this, we will examine the legal and political frameworks in which city governments operate. We will also look at the relationship of cities and provincial governments and the relationship between cities and the federal government.

### Course Requirements

Participation	Ongoing	10%
Chapter Review	February 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	20%
Paper (based on group research & presentation)	March 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	30%
Presentation (group presentation)	March 27 <sup>th</sup> & April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2014	10%
Take home exam	April 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	30%

### Required Texts

Andrew Sancton. 2011. *Canadian Local Government: An Urban Perspective*. Don Mills, On: Oxford University Press

Additional readings are available online, course webpage or on reserve in the Library

### Format

The course will be taught as a lecture and seminar, emphasizing reading a common body of material. All students are expected to do all the readings each week and be prepared to present arguments and general findings, as well as provide constructive comments and criticism.

**All term work should be handed in to the instructor at the beginning of class.  
Papers submitted via email or facsimile will not be accepted.**

**Late papers will be penalized by 5 per cent for each day that they are late.** Weekends count as one day. Extensions will not normally be granted. The only exceptions will be in the case of documented medical excuse or death in the family.

Late papers must be date stamped. Do not slip papers under my door.

All term work must be submitted by April 3, 2014 unless special arrangements have been made.

**For the Short Papers and Research Essay:**

The essays will respect all the rules of good essay composition: a central question the essay will address; an introduction with the plan for development of the argument; appropriate choice of method for topic development; respect for argument and evidence; clear and economical exposition; good quality and quantity of appropriate research; appropriately formatted footnotes and bibliography.

If in doubt, consult a style guide on the proper format for bibliography and footnotes. The first person ("I") may be used.

Quotations longer than four lines should be indented without quotation marks. Do not overuse quotations.

Do not use Wikipedia, mapleleafweb.com, Dictionary.com or any non academic web source for definitions and historical/political facts/arguments. You must include a bibliography.

**Please note, the schedule and required readings are subject to change.**