DEPARTMENTS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE 2016
POLITICAL SCIENCE 4255FAO *Canadian Public Policy: Food and the Policies of Wellbeing*
Tuesday 11:30-2:30 OA2017 DR. D. WEST
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The students in this course will choose to follow one of two streams of policy analysis within the context of Canadian Public Policy. The first is "Building a National Food Policy". In this stream, students will focus on the argument for and development of local, regional, provincial and national food policies in Canada. The second stream for this course is "Policy and the Canadian Index on Wellbeing in Simcoe County." In this stream, students will focus on the application of the domains used in the development of the Canadian Index on Wellbeing to community projects throughout Simcoe County. Students in each stream will be required to present their findings in class in preparation for a public presentation of their work at the end of the Fall term.

GRADING:
Attendance and Participation ……..20%
Article/Chapter Presentation……20%
Final Report……40%
Public Presentation……20%

Attendance and Participation – students are expected to come to every class. Attendance will be taken and participation will be assessed based on the quality of contributions to the class discussion.
Article/Chapter Presentation – Each student is responsible for one (1) 10 minute in-class presentation of an article or chapter that has been chosen in consultation with the Instructor and which is related to their Final Report.
Final Report – Each student must prepare a 10 page report on the subject of their policy area analysis that includes an overview of the current state of their chosen policy field, a 10 source annotated bibliography and a set of recommendations for future policy development.
Public Presentation- Each student will make a formal presentation of their term work for an invited audience of community members, Faculty and students.

REQUIRED READING: (2014) Pal, Leslie A. *Beyond Policy Analysis: Public Issue Management in Turbulent Times.5th edition.* Toronto: Nelson.
SUPPLEMENTARY Readings will be posted by Instructor and students on the D2L site for the course.

Students are also responsible for knowing and following the Code of Student Conduct at Lakehead University.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week 1 – General discussion and course administration – Intro to Policy Analysis
Reading: Pal, Chapter 1

Week 2 – Challenges of Policy Analysis
Required Reading: Pal, Chapter 2

Week 3 – Problem Definition
Required Reading: Pal, Chapter 3

Week 4 – Student Presentations
Required Reading: Student choices on D2L

Week 5 – Student Presentations
Required Reading: Student choices on D2L

Week 6 – Policy Instruments
Required Reading: Pal, Chapter 4

Week 7 – Policy Implementation
Required Reading: Pal, Chapter 5

Week 8– Policy Communities
Required Reading: Pal, Chapter 6

Week 9 – Evaluation
Required Reading: Pal, Chapter 7

Week 10 – Inside and Outside Pressures on Policy Making
Required Reading: Pal, Chapter 8

Week 11 – Policy Communication
Required Reading: Pal, Chapter 9

Week 12 – Public Presentations