POLITICAL STUDIES

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POLS OFFERINGS AT ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGE

POLS 111.3 — 1/2(3L)
Democracy in North America
An introduction to the study of politics through an examination of contemporary issues and ideas that arise in and between the democratic systems of Canada, the United States and Mexico, including democracy, sovereignty, aboriginal issues, NAFTA, globalization, identity, rights, representation and political participation.

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POLS 112.3 — 1/2(3L)
Political Ideas and Change in Global Era
An introduction to political ideas and change in a global era. The course explores themes such as nationalism, ideology, development, democratization, globalization, sovereignty, conflict and human rights.

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POLS 205.3 — 1/2(3L)
Canadian Politics and Society
Introduces students to the societal context of Canadian political life, including political culture, political sociology and history, social movements, political parties, political identities, regionalism, and nationalism.
Prerequisite(s): Any two of IS 110, POLS 111, POLS 112; or 60 credit units at university level.
Note: Students with credit for POLS 203 may not take this course for credit.

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POLS 249.3 — 1(3L)
American Government and Politics
Will examine the formal and informal processes of the American system of government. Topics will include the institutions of the Presidency, the Congress, and the bureaucracy and their interaction, as well as the mass media, public opinion, political parties and interest groups.
Prerequisite(s): Any two of IS 110, POLS 111, POLS 112; or 60 credit units at university level.
Note: Students with credit for POLS 242 may not take this course for credit.

POLS 256.3 — 1/2(3L)
Understanding Political Science Research
An introduction to political science research design, including research questions, sampling, and selected methods of data collection, and ethics.
Prerequisite(s): Any two of IS 110, POLS 111, POLS 112; or 18 credit units at university level.
Note: Students with credit for POLS 255 may not take this course for credit. This course is offered every second year.

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POLS 302.3 — 1/2(3L)
The Politics and law of Work and Employment
After exploring the broad understanding of 'work' and the political questions surrounding the social reproduction of work, this course will investigate unique legal definition of 'employment' as a strict legal relationship between those who sell their labour for a wage and those who purchase that labour in order to create additional value through profit. In Canada, the employment relationship has been regulated through numerous legal regimes, each of which will be described and discussed throughout the class. This course will provide the student with a thorough understanding of both the individual and collective nature of Canada's employment regimes, while also developing a richer understanding of the politics of work.
Prerequisite(s): 12 credit units of POLS and/or IS; or 36 credit units at the university level, including at least 6 credit units of ANTH, ENG, HIST, INDG, IS, POLS, RLST, SOC, or WGST.

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POLS 303.3 — 1/2(3L)
Public Law and the Courts in Canada
Will introduce students to Canada's constitution, with special emphasis on the judicial system. It will also examine Canada's constitutional debates, with specific emphasis on the judicial role in shaping federal/provincial division of powers since Confederation.
Prerequisite(s): 6 credit units 100-level POLS

POLS 304.3 — 1/2(3L)
Democracy and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms
Will introduce students to the Canadian Charter of Rights and
Freedoms. Special attention is devoted to the intersection
between law and politics, including debates surrounding
the introduction of the Charter, ongoing debates concerning
judicial power and extensive case reviews.
**Prerequisite(s): 6 credit units 100-level POLS (Students are
encouraged to take POLS 303 before taking POLS 304).**
Note: Students with credit for POLS 307 Topics in Canadian
Politics: Law, Politics and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms
(offered in 2010-11 and 2011-12) may not take this course
for credit.

POLS 305.3 — 1/2(3L)
Provincial Politics and Policy
An examination of the institutions and processes of Canadian
provincial political systems with particular emphasis on
Saskatchewan.
Prerequisite(s): 6 credit units 100-level POLS.

POLS 306.3 — 1/2(3L)
Local Governance and Policy
An examination of various aspects of local government in
Canada, including the evolution of the structures, functions,
finances and powers of local government, and the purposes
and politics of various contemporary reform issues.
**Prerequisite(s): 12 credit units of POLS and/or IS; or 36
credit units at the university level, including at least
6 credit units of ANTH, ENG, HIST, INDG, IS, POLS, RLST,
SOC, or WGST.**
Note: This course is typically offered every second year.

POLS 307.3 — 1/2(3L)
Topics in Canadian Politics
An examination of major issues of contemporary concern in
Canadian politics, such as constitutional and environmental
issues and issues affecting women. The content of the course
varies from year to year, but is announced in advance of
registration deadlines.
**Prerequisite(s): 6 credit units of 100-level POLS or 30 credit
units at university level.**

POLS 327.3 — 1/2(3L)
Political Marketing
Political marketing is a sub-field of political science that applies
concepts from business marketing literature to the study of
politics. It explores the use of marketing techniques by political
parties to win elections, governments to 'sell' their policies to
citizens, and social movements to sway public opinion in their
favour and lobby decision-makers. In this course, students will
learn the basic concepts of political marketing and apply these
concepts to examples from Canada and around the world.
**Prerequisite(s): 12 credit units of POLS and/or IS; or 36
credit units at the university level, including at least
6 credit units of ANTH, ENG, HIST, INDG, IS, POLS, RLST,
SOC, or WGST.**

POLS 336.3 — 1/2(3L)
Justice and Democracy
Justice and democracy are two key ideas in contemporary
politics. While we generally think they are harmonious ideas,
often times they come into conflict. This course addresses
contemporary theoretical approaches to the relationship
between justice and democracy. Issues to be covered include,
what is to be done when democracies reach unjust decisions,
what kind of democracy does justice require and how can
democratic institutions be designed to produce more just
outcomes.
Prerequisite(s): POLS 236 and 237; or PHIL 262.

POLS 343.3 — 1/2(3L)
Ukraine Processes and Problems of Nation and State Building
This course examines the historical as well as contemporary political, social and cultural processes that have shaped Ukraine's national identity while exploring their impact on current state-building efforts.
Prerequisite(s): 6 credit units 100-level POLS.

POLS 349.3 — 1(3L)
Politics of Canadian Diversity
Provides an analysis of the factors that affect diversity and diversity management in Canada. Special attention is devoted to issues and options related to various diversity management policies and programs such as immigration, multiculturalism and interculturalism, anti-racism, human rights, and employment equity. It also examines Canadian diversity management issues and options within the context of various nation-building projects and rights regimes espoused by governments and groups in Canada.
Prerequisite(s): 6 credit units 100-level POLS.

POLS 362.3 — 1/2(3L)
Global Political Economy
This course will introduce students to the foundations and theory of political economy including Classicism, Neo-Classicism, Marxism, Keynesianism, and Neoliberalism. The course will further introduce students to the concept of globalization, exploring how recent shifts in the global political economy have challenged the legitimacy of liberal democratic states.
Prerequisite(s): 12 credit units POLS or 60 credit units at university level.

POLS 370.3 — 1(3L)
War and Diplomacy in the International System
Seeks to identify and assess those issues that historically have generated conflict and examines the various political and diplomatic efforts that followed epochal wars to create international orders and mechanisms that would manage, control or prevent future international conflicts.
Prerequisite(s): 6 credit units 100-level POLS.

POLS 372.3 — 2(3L)
Peacebuilding and Political Reconciliation
This course examines various approaches to peace-building in the aftermath of conflict, focusing on the restorative role of political reconciliation.
Prerequisite(s): 6 credit units 100-level POLS.

POLS 375.3 — 1/2(3L)
Canadian Foreign Policy in the Global Era
Introduction to Canada's role in the world, studying the factors that continue to shape Canada's position on global issues and the processes by which Canadian foreign policy is made.
Prerequisite(s): 6 credit units 100-level POLS.
Note: Students with credit for POLS 365 may not take this course for credit.

POLS 403.3 — 1/2(3S)
Advanced Topics in Public Law and Public Policy
Students will be introduced to theories of law, politics and justice in modern Canadian society. In addition to examining judicial decision-making, the course will also question how law influences administrative actors with regards to such policy fields as labour, immigration, health, multiculturalism, the environment and aboriginal rights.
Prerequisite(s): 60 credit units at the university level including 6 credit units 100-level POLS.

POLS 404.3 — 1/2(3S)
Canadian Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations
An examination of Canadian federalism that deals with enduring and contemporary issues such as the constitutional division of powers, intergovernmental relations, fiscal federalism, the federal spending power, regionalism, the role of Quebec in the federal system, and constitutional change. Permission of the department required.
Prerequisite(s): 6 credit units 100-level POLS.

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