

SAMPLE COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code, Number, and Title:

POLI 2241: BC Politics & Government

Course Format:

[Course format may vary by instructor. The typical course format would be:]

Lecture 3.0 h + Seminar 0.0 h + Lab. 0.0 h

Credits: 3.0

Transfer Credit: For information, visit bctransferguide.ca

Course Description, Prerequisites, Corequisites:

This course examines the structure of government in British Columbia and the forces shaping politics in the province. Continuity and change in the political life of British Columbia is assessed by reference both to BC's political history since Confederation and to recent developments in BC politics. Topics include federal-provincial relations, BC's political economy, institutions of government, First Nations, parties and elections, media and interest groups, and selected public policy issues.

Note: A previous political science course is recommended but not required.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to...

- identify the major institutions of government in British Columbia;
- recognize the principal forces that shape political behaviour in BC;
- describe and critically appraise leading academic theories of BC politics; and
- develop a more informed understanding of current political issues in BC politics.

Instructor(s): TBA

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Textbook and Course Materials:

[Textbook selection may vary by instructor. An example of texts and course materials for this course might be:]

For textbook information, visit https://mycampusstore.langara.bc.ca/buy_courselistings.asp?selTerm=3|8

- Michael Howlett, Dennis Pilon, Tracy Summerville (eds.). British Columbia Politics and Government. Toronto: Emond Montgomery, 2010.

Note: This course may use an electronic (online) instructional resource that is located outside of Canada for mandatory graded class work. You may be required to enter personal information, such as your name and email address, to log in to this resource. This means that your personal information could be stored on servers located outside of Canada and may be accessed by U.S. authorities, subject to federal laws. Where possible, you may log in with an email pseudonym as long as you provide the pseudonym to me so I can identify you when reviewing your class work.

Assessments and Weighting:

Final Exam 25%

Other Assessments 75%

[An example of other assessments might be:]

Mid-term exam 20%

Quizzes 20%

Term Paper 25%

Participation 5%

Model Parliament 5%

Grading System:

Specific grading schemes will be detailed in each course section outline.

Final marks will be awarded in the form of letter grades. The percentage point equivalents of letter grades are as follows: A+ (90-100%); A (85-89%); A- (80-84%); B+ (76-79%); B (72-75%); B- (68-71%); C+ (64-67%); C (60-63%); C- (55-59%); D (50-54%); F (0-49%)

Topics Covered:

[Topics covered may vary by instructor. An example of topics covered might be:]

- Political Culture
- BC's Political Culture
- Federal-Provincial Relations
- The Lieutenant Governor, the Premier, and the Cabinet
- The Legislature
- The Judiciary
- Political Parties; Direct Democracy in BC
- Elections and Electoral Reform in BC
- Politics and the Media in BC
- Aboriginal Land Claims in BC
- Natural Resources and the Environment

As a student at Langara, you are responsible for familiarizing yourself and complying with the following policies:

College Policies:

[E1003 - Student Code of Conduct](#)

[F1004 - Code of Academic Conduct](#)

[E2008 - Academic Standing - Academic Probation and Academic Suspension](#)

[E2006 - Appeal of Final Grade](#)

[F1002 - Concerns about Instruction](#)

[E2011 - Withdrawal from Courses](#)

Departmental/Course Policies:

Information unavailable, please consult Department for details.

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