

POL 356Y

Canadian Political Parties

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Requirements and Evaluation:

First Term Essay	20%	Due: Nov. 1	Note: 2% per day penalty for late papers.
First Term Test	20%	Dec. 6	
Second Term Essay	25%	Feb. 28	
Tutorial Participation	10%		
Second Term Test	25%	Apr. 6	

Text Books:

1. Hugh G. Thorburn and Alan Whitehorn, eds., *Party Politics in Canada* 8th ed. (Toronto: Prentice Hall, 2001). [Hereafter referred to as T+W]
2. Alain-G. Gagnon and A. Brian Tanguay, eds., *Canadian Parties in Transition*, 3rd ed. (Peterborough: Broadview Press, 2007). [Hereafter referred to as G+T]

Also Recommended: (All on Course Reserves at Robarts Library, 4th Floor)

1. William Cross, *Political Parties* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2004). [Hereafter referred to as Cross]
2. R. Kenneth Carty, William Cross, and Lisa Young, *Rebuilding Canadian Party Politics* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2000). [Hereafter referred to as Carty].
3. Jon H. Pammet and Christopher Dornan (eds.), *The Canadian General Election of 2008* (Toronto: The Dundurn Group, 2009). [Hereafter referred to as P+D].
4. Lisa Young and Keith Archer, eds., *Regionalism and Party Politics in Canada* (Toronto: Oxford University Press, 2002). [Hereafter referred to as Y+A].
5. William Cross, ed., *Political Parties, Representation, and Electoral Democracy in Canada* (Toronto: Oxford University Press, 2002). [Hereafter referred to as Cross, ed.].
6. James Bickerton, Alain-G. Gagnon, and Patrick J. Smith, *Ties That Bind: Parties and Voters in Canada* (Toronto: Oxford University Press, 1999). [Hereafter referred to as BGS].

Plagiarism:

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ESSAYS

You are to complete two essays for this course, one in first term, and one in second term. The goal of each essay is to provide a clear, concise response (argument) to the research question backed by rational consideration of the evidence. Essay topics will be distributed separately in the first and second term.

Your response (argument) should be summarized in a sentence or two – the thesis statement. The thesis statement should appear in the first paragraph of your essay. It should be explicit. The reader should be very clear on what you are arguing.

You can assume an educated reader. Do not spend more than a few paragraphs providing background information. Focus on providing information that advances your argument.

While the balance of the paper will defend your argument, you should also acknowledge counterarguments and seek to demonstrate that your argument is superior.

The essay should be approximately 2,500 words (excluding the bibliography), 12 pt Times New Roman font with standard margins. Include a title page and include your name, date, and course number.

Formatting bibliographies, references

In completing the written assignments, cite all facts and figures that are not common knowledge and must cite all ideas that are borrowed from other authors.

Use a recognized standard format correctly in bibliographies, references, and footnotes. *Failure to do so will result in substantial penalty in calculating your assignment grade.*

Cornell University provides useful online guides to the APA and MLA citation styles:

http://campusgw.library.cornell.edu/newhelp/res_strategy/citing/apa.html
http://campusgw.library.cornell.edu/newhelp/res_strategy/citing/mla.html

Late assignments

Late penalties for written assignments: **2 percent per day, including the weekends.** Late papers must be submitted to the Department of Political Science reception, Room 3018, 3rd floor Sidney Smith Hall (100 St. George Street). During the week, there is an after hours mail slot in the department but this is not available on the weekends.

First Term: The Parties and their Evolution

- Sept. 13:** **Introduction to the Course:** Books, Requirements, Evaluation, Themes.
- Sept. 20:** **Origins of Canada's Parties** (Stewart in G+T, Chap. 1; Thorburn in T+W, Chaps. 1; Reid in T+W, Chap 2).
- Sept. 27:** **Context of the Party System** (Patten in G+T, Chap. 3; Carty in T+W, Chap. 3; Dyck in T+W, Chap. 4; Thorburn in T+W, Chap. 12; Carty, Chap. 2; Carty, in Cross, ed. Chap. 2; BGS, pp. 8-13).
- Oct 4&18:** **Ideology and Parties** (Horowitz in T+W, Chap. 8; Archer and Whitehorn in T+W, Chap. 9; Ellis and Archer in T+W, Chap. 10; Patten in T+W, Chap. 11; Brodie and Jenson in G+T, Chap. 2; Nevitte and Cochrane in G+T, Chap. 12).
- Oct. 25:** **The Conservative Party** (Woolstencroft in T+W, Chap. 18; Patten in T+W, Chap. 11; Ellis and Woolstencroft in P+D, Chap. 1; Carty, pp. 70-7; Cross, Chap. 3; BGS, Chap. 2; T+G, Chap. 4).
- Nov. 1:** **The Liberal Party** (Clarkson in T+W, Chap. 17; Jeffrey in P+D, Chap. 2; Carty, pp. 77-82; BGS, Chap 3).
- Nov. 15:** **The NDP** (Whitehorn in G+T, Chap. 6; Whitehorn in T+W, Chap. 19; Erickson and Laycock in P+D, Chap. 3; Carty, pp. 63-70; BGS, Chap. 4).
- Nov. 22:** **The Bloc Québécois** (Gagnon and Hérvault in G+T, Chap. 5; Crête and Lachapelle, in T+W, Chap. 21; Bélanger and Nadeau in P+D, Chap. 4; Carty, Chap. 3; BGS, Chap. 6).
- Nov. 29:** **Media and Marketing Parties** (Brooks, in G+T, Chap. 16; Barney in G+T, Chap. 17; Hackett in T+W, Chap. 27; Alexander in T+W, Chap 32; Waddell in P+D, Chap. 7; Flanagan and Jansen in P+D, Chap. 6; Carty, Chap. 10; Gidengil and Everitt in Cross, ed., Chap. 14; BGS, Chap. 7).
- Dec. 6:** **In-Class Test**

Second Term: Issues and Provincial/Regional Parties

- Jan. 10&17: The Electoral System and Parties** (Courtney in G+T, Chap. 13; Seidle, in G+T, Chap. 14 and Appendix A; Milner in T+W, Chaps. 15 and 20; Courtney in Cross, ed., Chap. 8).
- Jan. 24: Voters and Parties** (LeDuc in G+T, Chap. 7; Tanguay in G+T, Chap. 21 and Appendix D; Clarke et al., in T+W, Chap. 28; Clarke, Kornberg, and Scotto in P+D, Chap. 8; LeDuc and Pammett in P+D, Chap. 9; Nadeau et al., in T+W, Chap. 29 and Appendix A; BGS, Chap. 1 and Appendices A and B; Gidengil et al., in Cross, ed., Chap. 5; P+D, Appendices A and B).
- Jan. 31: Party Leaders and Members** (Preyra in T+W, Chap. 31 and Appendices B+C; Noel in G+T, Chap. 9; Carty, Chap. 8 and pp. 121-9; Cross in Cross, ed., Chap. 3; Stewart and Carty in Cross, ed., Chap. 4).
- Feb. 7: Money and Parties** (Young, Sayers, and Jansen in G+T, Chap. 15; Noel in T+W, Chap. 7; Stanbury in T+W, Chap. 14; Carty, Chap. 7; Smith and Bakvis in Cross, ed., Chap. 9; Cross, Chap. 7).
- Feb. 14: Interests, Representation, and Parties** (Thorburn in T+W, Chap. 5; Thorburn in G+T, Chap. 18; Wolinetz in G+T, Chap. 8; Henderson in G+T, Chap. 10; Young and Campbell in T+W, Chap. 6; Carty, Chap. 5; Young in Cross, ed., Chap. 12).
- Feb. 28: Regionalism and Parties** (Thomas in T+W, Chap. 30; Bickerton in G+T, Chap. 19; Clarke, Pammett, and Stewart in Y+A, Chap. 3; Cross in Y+A, Chap. 6; Sayers in Y+A, Chap. 11; BGS, pp. 15-20; Cross, Chap. 13).
- Mar. 7: Atlantic Canadian Party Politics** (Adamson and Stewart in T+W, Chap. 22; Cross in Cross, ed., Chap. 3; Belkhodja in Cross, ed., Chap. 7; Stewart in Y+A, Chap. 9).
- Mar. 14: Quebec Party Politics** (Hudon in T+W, Chap. 23; Bélanger and Nadeau in P+D, Chap. 4; BGS, Chap. 6).
- Mar. 21: Ontario Party Politics** (Williams in T+W, Chap. 24; Wearing in Y+A, Chap. 8; Tanguay in Cross, ed., Chap. 10).
- Mar. 28: Western Canadian Party Politics** (Wiseman in T+W, Chap. 25; Ruff in T+W, Chap. 26; Gibbins and Stewart in Cross, ed., Chap. 6; Henry in Y+A, Chap. 4; Laycock in Y+A, Chap. 7).
- Apr. 6: In-Class Test**