

POL 356Y

Canadian Political Parties

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Requirements and Evaluation:

First Term Essay	20%	Due: Oct. 29	Note: 2% per day penalty for late papers including weekends.
Test	20%	Dec. 3	
Second Term Essay	25%	Feb. 25	
Participation	10%		
Test	25%	April 1	

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. Nelson Wiseman, *In Search of Canadian Political Culture* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2007).

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

1. Lawrence LeDuc et al., *Dynasties and Interludes: Past and Present in Canadian Electoral Politics* (Toronto: Dundurn Press, 2010) [Hereafter referred to as LeDuc]
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]
3. William Cross, *Political Parties* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2004). [Hereafter referred to as Cross]
4. R. Kenneth Carty, William Cross, and Lisa Young, *Rebuilding Canadian Party Politics* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2000). [Hereafter referred to as Carty]
5. Jon H. Pammet and Christopher Dornan (eds.), *The Canadian General Election of 2008* (Toronto: Dundurn Group, 2009). [Hereafter referred to as P+D]
6. Lisa Young and Keith Archer, eds., *Regionalism and Party Politics in Canada* (Toronto: Oxford University Press, 2002). [Hereafter referred to as Y+A]
7. William Cross, ed., *Political Parties, Representation, and Electoral Democracy in Canada* (Toronto: Oxford University Press, 2002). [Hereafter referred to as Cross, ed.]
8. 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]
9. Heather MacIvor, ed., *Election*, (Toronto: Emond Montgomery, 2009). [Hereafter referred to as MacIvor]

Notes from the University:

1. **“Keep rough and draft work and hard copies of your essays *before handing them in*. Keep them until the marked assignments have been returned.”**
2. **“Plagiarism is a serious offence and will be dealt with accordingly. For clarification and information, see the University of Toronto’s policy on Plagiarism at <http://www.writing.utoronto.ca/advice/using-sources/how-not-to-plagiarize>”**

3. **“Normally, students will be required to submit their course essays to Turnitin.com for a review of textual similarity and detection of possible plagiarism. In doing so, students will allow their essays to be included as source documents in the turnitin.com reference database, where they will be used solely for detecting plagiarism. Terms that apply to the University’s use of the turnitin.com service are described on the turnitin.com web site.”**

Accessibility Needs:

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ESSAYS

Essays should provide a clear, concise response (argument) to the research question backed by rational consideration of the evidence. Essay topics are distributed separately in the first and second term.

Summarize your response (argument) in a sentence or two – the thesis statement – in the first paragraph of your essay. Be explicit. The reader should be clear on what you are arguing. Assume an educated reader. Do not spend more than a few paragraphs providing background information. Focus on providing information that advances your argument. The balance of the paper will defend your argument, but should also acknowledge counterarguments and seek to demonstrate that your argument is superior.

The essay must be approximately 2,500 words (excluding the bibliography) in length. Use 12 pt. Times New Roman font with standard margins. Include a title page with your name, the date, and the course number. Do not hesitate to contact the TA for further instructions regarding expectations for the essay.

Formatting bibliographies and references

In your essays, cite all facts and figures that are not common knowledge. You must cite all ideas borrowed from other authors.

Use a recognized standard format in your bibliography, references, and footnotes. *Failure to do so will result in substantial penalty in calculating your assignment grade.* Consult your TA if you have any questions.

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

Submit late papers to Room 3018, Sidney Smith Hall. The department has an after-hours mail slot. (Unavailable weekends.)

Extensions and make up tests: See <http://groups.chass.utoronto.ca/kalmar/extensions.html>

Appeals of essay and test grades

Provide a half page explanation of the basis of the appeal. Submit an appeal to your TA first.

First Term: The Parties and their Evolution

- Sept. 10:** **Introduction to the Course:** Books, Requirements, Evaluation, Themes.
- Sept. 17:** **Origins of Canada's Parties** (Thorburn in T+W, Chaps. 1; Wiseman, pp. 79-80. Reid in T+W, Chap 2; Stewart in G+T, Chap. 1; LeDuc, Chap. 2).
- Sept. 24:** **Context of the Party System** (Carty in T+W, Chap. 3; Dyck in T+W, Chap. 4; Thorburn in T+W, Chap. 12; LeDuc, pp. 31-35; Patten in G+T, Chap. 3; Carty, Chap. 2; Carty, in Cross, ed. Chap. 2; BGS, pp. 8-13).
- Oct. 1&8:** **Ideology and Parties** (Horowitz in T+W, Chap. 8; Wiseman, pp. 14-17, 21-24; Archer and Whitehorn in T+W, Chap. 9; Patten in T+W, Chap. 11; Brodie and Jenson in G+T, Chap. 2; Nevitte and Cochrane in G+T, Chap. 12).
- Oct. 15:** **The Conservative Party** (Woolstencroft in T+W, Chap. 18; Patten in T+W, Chap. 11; LeDuc, Chaps. 4, 9, 10; Ellis and Woolstencroft in P+D, Chap. 1; Carty, pp. 70-7; Cross, Chap. 3; BGS, Chap. 2; T+G, Chap. 4).
- Oct. 22:** **The Liberal Party** (Clarkson in T+W, Chap. 17; Wiseman, pp.80-82; LeDuc, Chaps. 3, 6, 12; Jeffrey in P+D, Chap. 2; Carty, pp. 77-82; BGS, Chap 3).
- Oct. 29:** **The NDP** (Wiseman, pp. 229-239; Whitehorn in T+W, Chap. 19; Erickson and Laycock in P+D, Chap. 3; Carty, pp. 63-70; BGS, Chap. 4).
- Nov. 5:** **The Reform Party and the Bloc Québécois** (Ellis and Archer in T+W, Chap. 10; Crête and Lachapelle, in T+W, Chap. 21; Gagnon and Hérivault in G+T, Chap. 5; Bélanger and Nadeau in P+D, Chap. 4; Carty, Chap. 3; BGS, Chap. 6).
- Nov. 19:** **Party Leaders, Members, Candidates, and Supporters** (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; Chaps. 7 and 13 in MacIvor).
- Nov. 26:** **Media and Marketing Parties** (Hackett in T+W, Chap. 27; Brooks in G+T, Chap. 16; Barney in G+T, Chap. 17; 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; Chaps. 8 and 9 in MacIvor).
- Dec. 3:** **In-Class Test**

Second Term: Issues and Provincial/Regional Parties

- Jan. 7&14: The Electoral System and Parties** (Milner in T+W, Chaps. 15 and 20; Courtney in G+T, Chap. 13; LeDuc, pp. 41-44; Seidle, in G+T, Chap. 14 and Appendix A; Courtney in Cross, ed., Chap. 8; Chaps. 3, 4, and 5 in McIvor).
- Jan. 21&28: Polling and Voting** (Wiseman, Chap. 2; Nadeau et al., in T+W, Chap. 29 and Appendix A; 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; BGS, Chap. 1 and Appendices A and B; Gidengil et al., in Cross, ed., Chap. 5; P+D, Appendices A and B; Chaps. 10, 11, and 12 in MacIvor).
- Feb. 4: Money, Interests, and Parties** (Stanbury in T+W, Chap. 14; Thorburn in T+W, Chap. 5; Young and Campbell in T+W, Chap. 6; pp. 72-77 in McIvor; Young, Sayers, and Jansen in G+T, Chap. 15; Noel in T+W, Chap. 7; Carty, Chap. 7; Smith and Bakvis in Cross, ed., Chap. 9; Cross, Chap. 7; Thorburn in G+T, Chap. 18; Wolinetz in G+T, Chap. 8; Henderson in G+T, Chap. 10; Carty, Chap. 5; Young in Cross, ed., Chap. 12).
- Feb. 11: Regionalism and Parties** (Wiseman, Chap. 5; 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; Henderson in MacIvor, Chap. 14).
- Feb. 25: Atlantic Canadian Party Politics** (Wiseman, Chap. 6; 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. 4: Quebec Party Politics** (Wiseman, Chap. 7; Hudon in T+W, Chap. 23; Bélanger and Nadeau in P+D, Chap. 4; BGS, Chap. 6).
- Mar. 11: Ontario Party Politics** (Wiseman, Chap. 8; Williams in T+W, Chap. 24; Wearing in Y+A, Chap. 8; Tanguay in Cross, ed., Chap. 10).
- Mar. 18&25: Western Canadian Party Politics** (Wiseman, Chaps. 9 and 10; 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. 1: In-Class Test**