POL 356Y

Canadian Political Parties

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Requirements and Evaluation:
First Term Essay 20% Due: Oct. 31 Note: 2% per day
First Term Test 20% Dec. 5 penalty for late papers.
Second Term Essay 25% Feb. 27
Participation 10%
Second Term Test 25% Apr. 3

Text Books:


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


This link should take you to the readings:

https://cr.library.utoronto.ca/studenthome/id/181139

If the link fails, access the readings from the portal page by clicking 'Launch Course Reserves'.
Plagiarism:
Plagiarism is a serious academic offence, and will be dealt with accordingly. For further clarification and information, please see the University of Toronto’s policy on Plagiarism at http://www.utoronto.ca/writing/plagsep.html. Normally, students will be required to submit their course essays to be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database, where they will be used solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. The terms that apply to the University’s use of the Turnitin.com service are described on the Turnitin.com web site.

Accessibility Needs:
The University of Toronto is committed to accessibility. If you require accommodations or have any accessibility concerns, please visit http://studentlife.utoronto.ca/accessibility as soon as possible.

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 argument backed by rational consideration of the evidence. Essay topics will be distributed separately in the first and second term.

Your 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. Cite all ideas 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 are to 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. 12:** Introduction to the Course: Books, Requirements, Evaluation, Themes.

1. G+T, Chap. 5
2. Meisel and Mendelsohn, Chap. 13, in T+W.

**Sept. 19:** Origins of Canada’s Parties

1. Wiseman, “Nineteenth Century Parties” + “Nineteenth Century Table” (Scan);
5. Wiseman, “Empire and Continent” (Scan).

**Sept. 26:** Third Parties

1. Wiseman, “Third Parties” (Scan).
2. Belanger, Chap. 10 in G+T.

**Oct 3&10:** Classifying Party Systems

1. Patten, Chap. 1 in G+T.
2. R. K. Carty, Chap. 3 in T+W (Scan).

**Oct. 17:** Ideology and Parties

1. Wiseman, Chap. 6 in G+T.

**Oct. 24:** The Conservative Party

1. Woolstencroft, Chap. 8 in G+T.

**Oct. 31** The Liberal Party

1. Jeffrey, Chap. 7 in G+T.

**Nov. 14:** The NDP

1. McGrane, Chap. 9 in G+T.

**Nov. 21:** Media and Parties

1. Hackett, Chap. 27 in T+W.

Nov. 28: Digital Party Politics, Marketing Parties, and Participation

1. Everitt, Chap. 14, G+T.
2. Small, Chap. 18, G+T.
3. Milner, Chap. 19, G+T.
4. Marland and Giasson, Chap. 16, G+T.

Dec. 5: Test (Location TBA)

Second Term: Issues and Provincial/Regional Parties

Jan. 9,16,&23: The Electoral System, Polling, Voting, and Direct Democracy

1. Pilon, Chap. 11, G+T.
10. Tanguay, Chap. 15, G+T.

Jan. 30: Party Leaders and Members

Feb. 6: Money and Parties

1. Young, Chap. 2, G+T.

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Feb. 13: Regionalism and Parties

1. Wiseman 2007, Chap. 5.
2. Bickerton, Chap. 3, G+T.
3. “Introduction,” and “Conclusion,” in Wesley, ed., Big Worlds


Feb. 27: Atlantic Canadian Party Politics

5. Levesque, Chap. 4 in Wesley, ed., Big Worlds.
Mar. 6: Quebec Party Politics

1. Wiseman 2007, Chap. 7
2. Tannahill and Kanji, Chap. 5 in Wesley, ed., *Big Worlds*.
4. Gagnon and Boucher, Chap. 13, G+T.

Mar. 13: Ontario Party Politics

1. Wiseman 2007, Chap. 8
2. Anderson, Chap. 6 in Wesley, ed., *Big Worlds*

Mar. 20: Party Politics in the Midwest

1. Wiseman 2007, Chap. 9
3. Nelson Wiseman, “The Socialist Imprint on Saskatchewan Politics” (Scan)
4. Wesley, Chap. 7 in Wesley, ed., *Big Worlds*.

Mar. 27: Party Politics in the Far West


Apr. 3: **Test (Location TBA)**