Introduction:
The goals of the course are twofold: First, to discuss some major theories of public opinion, participation and voting. And second, to provide an opportunity to sharpen analytical and empirical skills.

Prerequisite Requirement:
Completion of POL 242 (Intro to Research Methods)
The expectation is that students are able to open a dataset and perform basic statistical tests without assistance.

Datasets:
The course encourages students to use data from the 2011 Canadian Election Study or the 2005 World Values Survey datasets for your research paper. The datasets can be downloaded from Blackboard.
1. Canadian Election Study. [dataset]

Course Format:
One two-hour lecture per week. A graduate student T.A. will be available by appointment to assist students with methodological questions or practical issues regarding the use of the datasets.

Course Requirements:
Research Proposal (due October 1) 20%
Research Paper (due December 3) 50%
Final Exam (TBA) 30%
(Late papers will be taxed at 3% per day)

Plagiarism:
Plagiarism is a serious academic offense and professors are required to report these offenses to the Office of Student Academic Integrity. It is not sufficient merely to list your sources in the bibliography or to only use footnotes. You must ensure that you identify and attribute all of your sources in text, whether you are quoting them directly or paraphrasing them.

For a more complete explanation please see http://www.writing.utoronto.ca/advice/using-sources/how-not-to-plagiarize and http://www.writing.utoronto.ca/advice/using-sources/documentation for two important documents entitled How Not to Plagiarize and Standard Documentation Formats respectively.

If you require further assistance concerning how to properly reference and footnote your work, please consult one of the many guides available in the library or the Writing Center.
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 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.

**Texts:**
The course textbooks are available for purchase at: U of T Bookstore, Koffler Centre, 214 College Street (northwest corner of St. George and College). The course texts will also be available on Course Reserves (Short Term Loan) at Robarts Library.

**Required:**

The Course textbook can be purchased at:
- U of T Bookstore
- Koffler Centre, 214 College Street
  (NW corner of St. George and College)

**On Reserve:**


SYLLABUS

Readings marked below with a © are available on Blackboard.

Week 1: PUBLIC OPINION: THE LANDSCAPE
September 10

Required Reading:


Recommended Reading:
Burke, E. (1774). Speech to the Electors of Bristol.

Week 2: CHANGING CAPACITIES
September 17

Required Reading:


Recommended Reading:
See Erikson, and Tedin. Ch 2 & 3.

Week 3: WAYS OF PARTICIPATING
September 24

Required Reading:
Dalton, R. Citizen Politics. Ch. 3

Recommended Reading:
See Inglehart and Norris, Rising Tide, Ch 5.
Week 4: TO VOTE OR NOT TO VOTE?
Research Proposal is due this week

October 1

Required Reading:

Recommended Reading:

Week 5: NO CLASS (Thanksgiving holiday)

October 8

Week 6: VOTING: “WHERE YOU SIT”: THE COLUMBIA SCHOOL

October 15

Required Reading:
Dominance and Decline, Ch 1 & 2.

Recommended Reading:

Week 7: “WHAT YOU BELIEVE”: VALUES AND BELIEFS

October 22

Required Reading:
Dominance and Decline, Ch 3.

Recommended Reading:
Week 8: THE MICHIGAN SCHOOL – “WHO YOU LIKE”
October 29

Required Reading:
*Dominance and Decline*, Ch 4.

Recommended Reading:

Week 9: NO CLASS (Fall break)
November 5

Week 10: IT’S THE ECONOMY STUPID!
November 12

Required Reading:
*Dominance and Decline*, Ch 5.

Recommended Reading:

Week 11: WHERE YOU STAND: ISSUE VOTING
November 19

Required Reading:
*Dominance and Decline*, Ch 6.

Recommended Reading:
Week 12:
November 26

**MY LEADER RIGHT OR WRONG: LEADERS**

**Required Reading:**

*Dominance and Decline*, Ch 7.

© “Women as Political Leaders.” in *Rising Tide*. Pg. 127-146.


**Recommended Reading:**


Week 13a:
December 3

**IT'S RATIONAL: STRATEGIC VOTING**

**Required Reading:**

*Dominance and Decline*, Ch 8.


**Recommended Reading:**


Week 13b:
December 6

**SINGLE ISSUE POLITICS? THE ENVIRONMENT, GENDER AND MOVEMENTS**

**Required Reading:**

*Dominance and Decline*, Ch 9.

**Recommended Reading:**

Inglehart, R. & Norris, P. “Gender Equality and Cultural Change around the World.” in *Rising Tide*. Pg. 75-100.


Mill, J. S. (1869). The Subjection of Women (Chapter 1).