POL 356F
Canadian Political Parties

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Note: 2% penalty for late papers including weekends

Brief Description:
This course offers historical and theoretical perspectives on the setting and dynamics of Canada's federal and provincial parties and party systems.

Text Books:


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


Quercus:
Students are expected to check Quercus for course updates and information.

Link to course reading list:
https://cr.library.utoronto.ca/studenthome/id/285283
Accessibility Needs:
If you require accommodations or have any accessibility concerns, please visit http://www.accessibility.utoronto.ca/ as soon as possible.

Extensions and make up tests:
- See the University’s policy: http://groups.chass.utoronto.ca/kalmar/extensions.html
- Extension requests must be sent to the TA, Andrew McDougall, before the due date.
- If the request for an extension is based on a medical illness, you must complete and submit the U of T Verification of Student Illness or Injury form: http://www.illnessverification.utoronto.ca/index.php

Appeals of essay and test grades:
A half page single spaced explanation of the basis of your appeal is required. It should specifically address the comments given on the assignment. Submit the appeal to your TA first.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

Research Proposal:
Outline the proposed structure and subject of your essay and list some potential sources in 1-2 pages.

Essay:
Essays should provide a clear, concise response (argument) to the research question backed by rational consideration of the evidence.

Essays should be approximately 2,500 words in length (excluding bibliography). Summarize your response (argument) in a sentence or two – the thesis statement – in the first paragraph. 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 could also acknowledge counterarguments. Seek to demonstrate that your argument is superior. Cite all facts and figures that are not common knowledge. You must cite all ideas that are borrowed from other authors.

ASSIGNMENT GUIDELINES

Formatting:
For both assignments, use 12 pt. Times New Roman font with standard 2.5cm (1”) margins. Include a title page with your name, the date, and a word count.

Bibliographies, references, footnotes:
Use a recognized standard format. Failure to do so will result in a penalty in calculating your 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
Academic integrity:
1. Keep rough and draft work until the marked assignments have been returned.
2. Plagiarism is a serious offence and will be dealt with accordingly. For clarification and information, see https://guides.library.utoronto.ca/plagiarism
3. An academic integrity checklist, available on Quercus, must be submitted with all assignments.
4. Normally, students will be required to submit their essays to turnitin.com for a review of textual similarity and detection of possible plagiarism. In doing so, students 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.

Instructions for submission of assignments:
1. Ensure your assignment meets the requirements for format and bibliography set out above.
2. Prepare an Academic Integrity Checklist, which can be downloaded from Quercus. Be sure to add an “x” to all appropriate boxes and to add your name and the date.
3. Upload the assignment to Turnitin. The course ID and password are included on the essay instruction sheet.
4. Submit a hard copy at the beginning of class on November 13.

LECTURE SCHEDULE

Sept. 11: Origins of Canada’s Parties

Sept. 18: Classifying Party Systems

**Sept. 25:** Ideology and Parties
1. Wiseman in G+T, Chap. 6.

**Oct. 2:** The Conservative Party
1. Woolstencroft in G+T, Chap. 8.

**Oct. 9:** The Liberal Party
2. Jeffrey in G+T, Chap. 7.
Oct. 16: The NDP
1. McGrane, Chap. 9 in G+T.

Oct. 23: The Electoral System, Polling, and Voting
1. Pilon, in G+T, Chap. 11.
4. Wiseman, Chap. 2.

Oct. 30: Regionalism and Parties: Atlantic Canada
1. Wiseman, Chaps. 5 and 6, and pp. 24-34.
3. Adamson and Stewart in T+W, Chap. 22.
   http://www.jstor.org.myaccess.library.utoronto.ca/stable/3229355?seq=1#page_scan_tab_contents

Nov. 13: Quebec Party Politics
1. Wiseman, Chap. 7.

**Nov. 20:** **Ontario Party Politics**

1. Wiseman, Chap. 8.

**Nov. 27:** **Western Canadian Party Politics**

1. Wiseman, Chaps. 9 and 10.

**Dec. 4:** **Test** Location TBA