

POL 356F
Canadian Political Parties

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Requirements and Evaluation:

Research Proposal 10%

Essay 50%

Test 25%

Participation 15%

Due:

Oct. 8

Nov. 12

Dec. 3

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:

1. Alain-G. Gagnon and A. Brian Tanguay, eds., *Canadian Parties in Transition*, 4th ed. (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2017). [Hereafter referred to as G+T]
2. Nelson Wiseman, *In Search of Canadian Political Culture* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2007). (E-book) [Hereafter referred to as Wiseman 2007]

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

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. William Cross, *Political Parties* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2004).
3. R. Kenneth Carty, William Cross, and Lisa Young, *Rebuilding Canadian Party Politics* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2000).

Quercus:

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

Course reading list:

Readings can be accessed through Quercus.

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:

- Extension requests must be sent to the TA, Jonah Goldberg 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 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 12.

LECTURE SCHEDULE

Sept. 10: **Origins of Canada's Parties**

1. Gordon T. Stewart, "Political Patronage under Macdonald and Laurier, 1878-1911," *American Review of Canadian Studies*, 10.1:13-26 (1980).
2. Escott M. Reid, "The Rise of National Parties in Canada," Chap. 2 in T+W
3. Nelson Wiseman, "Four Party Types: An Interpretive Framework of Nineteenth Century Party Politics," and Table
4. Wiseman, 79-80.
5. Thorburn in T+W, Chap. 1.

Sept. 17: **Classifying Party Systems**

1. Rand Dyck, "Political Parties," in *Provincial Politics in Canada* (Scarborough: Prentice-Hall, 1996). pp. 7-11.
2. John McMenemy "Fragment and Movement Parties," in C. Winn and J. McMenemy, *Political Parties in Canada* (Toronto: McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 1976), pp. 29-48.
3. Rand Dyck, "Relations between Federal and Provincial Parties," in A. Brian Tanguay and Alain-G. Gagnon, eds., *Canadian Parties in Transition*, 2nd ed. (Toronto: Nelson, 1996), pp. 160-189).
4. R. K. Carty, "Three Canadian Party Systems: An Interpretation of the Development of National Parties," in George Perlin, ed., *Party Democracy in Canada* (Scarborough: Prentice-Hall, 1988), pp. 15-30.

5. Rick Ogmundson, "On the Measurement of Party Class Position: The Case of Federal Political Parties," *Canadian Review of Sociology and Anthropology*, 12.4: 565-76 (1975).

Sept. 24: Ideology and Parties

1. Wiseman in G+T, Chap. 6.
2. Wiseman, pp. 14-17, 21-24.
3. Keith Archer and Alan Whitehorn, "Opinion Structure among New Democratic Activists: A Comparison with Liberals and Conservatives," *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 23.1 (March 1990).
4. Keith Archer and Faron Ellis, "Opinion Structure of Party Activists: The Reform Party of Canada," *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 27.2 (June 1994).
5. Gad Horowitz, "Conservatism, Liberalism, and Socialism in Canada: An Interpretation," *Canadian Journal of Economics and Political Science*, 32.2: 143-71 (1966).

Oct. 1: The Conservative Party

1. Woolstencroft in G+T, Chap. 8.
2. Nelson Wiseman "A Dead End: Conservatism and the Conservative Party," and Faron Ellis, "Twenty-First Century Conservatives Can Continue to Succeed," in Mark Charlton and Paul Barker, eds., *Crosscurrents: Contemporary Political Issues*, 6th ed. (Toronto: Thomson Nelson, 2008), pp. 57-92. (Scan)
3. W. L. Morton, "Canadian Conservatism Now," in Paul W. Fox, ed., *Politics: Canada*, 3rd. ed. (Toronto: McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 1970), pp. 233-236
4. Steve Patten, "The Triumph of Neo-Liberalism within Partisan Conservatism in Canada," in James Farney and David Rayside, eds., *Conservatism in Canada* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2013), pp. 59-76.
5. Robert L. Stanfield, "Conservative Principles and Philosophy," in Paul W. Fox and Graham White, eds., *Politics: Canada*, 7th ed. (Toronto: McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 1991), pp. 297-301.

Oct. 8: The Liberal Party

1. L. B. Pearson, "Introduction," in J. W. Pickersgill, *The Liberal Party* (Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 1962), pp. vii-xiii.
2. Jeffrey in G+T, Chap. 7.
3. Reginald Whitaker, *The Government Party: Organizing and Financing the Liberal Party of Canada, 1930-1958* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1977), pp. 401-421.
4. Brooke Jeffrey, *Divided Loyalties: The Liberal Party of Canada, 1984-2008*, (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2010), pp. 583-621. (E-Book)
5. Wiseman 2007, pp.80-82.

- Oct. 15: The NDP**
1. McGrane, Chap. 9 in G+T.
 2. Nelson Wiseman and Benjamin Isitt, "Social Democracy in Twentieth Century Canada: An Interpretive Framework," *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, 40.3: 567-89 (2007).
 3. "The Regina Manifesto," <http://www.socialisthistory.ca/Docs/CCF/ReginaManifesto.htm>
 4. David Lewis, "A Socialist Takes Stock," in Paul W. Fox, ed., *Politics: Canada* 3rd. ed. (Toronto: McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 1970), pp. 238-241
 5. "The NDP 'Waffle Manifesto': For an Independent Socialist Canada," and "The Deputy Leader Replies," in Paul W. Fox, ed., *Politics: Canada* 3rd. ed. (Toronto: McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 1970), pp. 242-247. (Toronto: McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 1970), pp. 242-247.
- Oct. 22: The Electoral System, Polling, and Voting**
1. Pilon, in G+T, Chap. 11.
 2. Alan C. Cairns, "The Electoral System and the Party System in Canada, 1921-1965," *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, 1.1 (1968), pp. 55-80
 3. Nelson Wiseman, "Cairns Revisited – the Electoral and Party System in Canada," in Paul W. Fox and Graham White, eds., *Politics: Canada* 7th ed. (Toronto: McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 1991), pp. 265-274.
 4. Wiseman, Chap. 2.
 5. Claude Emery, Library of Parliament, "Public Opinion Polling in Canada."
- Oct. 29: Regionalism and Parties: Atlantic Canada**
1. Wiseman, Chaps. 5 and 6, and pp. 24-34.
 2. Ailsa Henderson, "Regional Political Cultures in Canada," *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 37.3: 595-615 (2004).
 3. Adamson and Stewart in T+W, Chap. 22.
 4. Ian Stewart, "Liberals and Conservatives in Nova Scotia: Not a Case of Tweedledum and Tweedledee," in Ian Stewart, *Roasting Chestnuts: The Mythology of Maritime Political Culture* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 1994), pp. 73-88. (E-Book)
 5. Robert Finbow, "Dependents or Dissidents? The Atlantic Provinces in Canada's Constitutional Reform Process, 1967-1992," *Canadian Journal of Political Science* vol. 27, no. 3 (Sept. 1994), pp. 465-91.
- Nov. 12: Quebec Party Politics**
1. Wiseman, Chap. 7.
 2. Éric Bélanger and Richard Nadeau, "The Bloc Québécois: Victory by Default," in Jon H. Pammet and Christopher Dornan, eds., *The Canadian General Election of 2008* (Toronto: Dundurn, 2009), pp. 136-161
 3. A. Brian Tanguay, "Sclerosis or A Clean Bill of Health? Diagnosing Québec's Party System in the Twenty-First Century," in Alain-G. Gagnon, ed., *Québec: State and Society* 3rd. ed. (Peterborough: Broadview, 2004), pp. 221-243.

4. Herbert Quinn, *The Union Nationale: Quebec Nationalism from Duplessis to Lévesque* 2nd. ed. (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1979), pp. 48-79.
5. Andrea Lawlor and Éric Bélanger, “The Blue Electorate in Quebec and Support for the ADQ and the CPC,” in James Farney and David Rayside, eds., *Conservatism in Canada* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2013), pp. 293-316.

Nov. 19: Ontario Party Politics

1. Wiseman, Chap. 8.
2. Arthur Lower, “Ontario – Does it exist?” *Ontario History*, 15. 2: 65-9 (June 1968).
3. Jonathan Malloy, “Political Parties and the Party System in Ontario,” in Cheryl N. Collier and Jonathan Malloy, eds., *The Politics of Ontario* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2017), pp. 192-208.
4. Sid Noel, “The Ontario Political Culture: An Interpretation,” in Graham White, ed., *The Government and Politics of Ontario*, 5th ed. (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1997), pp. 49-68.
5. Williams in T+W, Chap. 24.

Nov. 26: Western Canadian Party Politics

1. Wiseman, Chaps. 9 and 10.
2. Nelson Wiseman, “The American Imprint on Alberta Politics,” *Great Plains Quarterly*, 31.1 (Winter 2011), pp. 39-53
3. Jared J. Wesley, *Code Politics: Campaigns and Cultures on the Canadian Prairies* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2011), pp. 17-34. (E-Book)
4. Gordon S. Galbraith, “British Columbia,” in David Bellamy, J. H. Pammett, and D. C. Rowat, eds., *The Provincial Political Systems* (Toronto: Methuen, 1976), pp. 62-75
5. Donald E. Blake, “The Politics of Polarization: Parties and Elections in British Columbia,” in R. K. Carty, ed., *Politics, Policy, and Government in British Columbia* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 1996), pp. 67-84. (E-Book)

Dec. 3: Test Location TBA