



Canadian Government

Extra Evaluation Course

Description

This course covers the main elements and historical background of Canadian government operations as a federal state, a constitutional monarchy, and a parliamentary democracy. Students explore the different levels and branches of both the federal and provincial government for the aim of gaining an awareness and appreciation for the political scene and of how citizens participate in it. The course ends with an exciting Parliamentary simulation, as students demonstrate all they have learned in a hands-on experience.

Cost: \$300

Course Reading List

- The Canadian Regime: An Introduction to Parliamentary Government in Canada by Patrick Malcolmson, Richard Myers (4th Edition or newer)

Primary Learning Objectives

- Students will understand the general principles and structure of the Canadian regime.
- Students will be able to critically analyze the strengths and weaknesses of the CA 1867 and CA 1982.
- Students will develop a general familiarity with Parliament, provincial legislature, municipal government, elections, political parties, and contemporary political issues.

Method of Evaluating Student Performance

Assignments	Weight
Week 3: Essay	15%
Week 6: Essay	15%
Week 8: Oral Midterm Exam	10%
Week 11: Essay	15%
Week 14: Oral Final Exam	16%

Week 14: Parliamentary Simulation Project	11%
Class Participation	19%

Instructions for essays: Essay topics can be chosen from a list of pre-determined questions and should respond substantively to the question posed. They should reflect the student's own thought and not just repeat what is found in the readings. The essay should be no less than 1,000 words. The student will be graded on the quality of their thought as well as the clarity of their presentation.

Instructions for oral exams: Oral exams will test both the student's familiarity with the broader course material as well as their critical reasoning ability. In these exams, the tutor will engage the student with a number of questions, to which the student must thoughtfully respond. Oral exams are 20-30 minutes long and will take place in the classroom at a time determined by the student and his/her tutor.

Instructions for the Parliamentary Simulation Project: For the Parliamentary Simulation, the student will prepare a 4-5 minutes speech on a predetermined topic from the perspective of the Canadian political party to which they are assigned. The Parliamentary Simulation has two parts: an in-class presentation and a submitted written speech. The student will be graded on their rhetorical persuasiveness, their adherence to party platforms and values, and their in-class presentation.