

Political Studies 305.3 (62)
Provincial Politics
St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan, Winter 2013

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Course Description

This course will examine provincial politics in Canada using a comparative approach. The objective of the course is to expose students to each of the major areas of research in Canadian provincial politics. It is hoped that students will gain overall appreciation of the study of provincial politics and find a particular area that is of interest to them for further study. The politics of Saskatchewan will be a special focus of the class and considerable time will be devoted to exploring Saskatchewan politics and comparing Saskatchewan to other Canadian provinces.

Course Requirements

- 1.) 20%- 2-3 page critical review of a journal article or book chapter chosen from a list provided by the instructor. **Due in class on Wednesday, October 16th, 2013.**
- 2.) 45%- 10-12 page paper on a topic distributed by the instructor. **Due in class on Monday, November 18th, 2013.**
- 3.) 35%- Final exam, date and time to be announced.

Papers should be in hard copy format. E-mailed assignments to the instructor will not be accepted. The Political Studies Department's policy is that late assignments are penalized 10% per week. All assignments must be submitted by the day of the final exam or they will be considered incomplete. Failure to complete all required course work will result in a final grade numeric grade of 49% and the along with the grade comment of INF (Incomplete Failure). All assignments are due at the beginning of class on the due date and late assignments must be submitted at subsequent classes or the day of the final exam at the very latest. Exceptions may be made, at the instructor's discretion, for students who contact the instructor regarding medical reasons or family emergencies before assignments are due. Documentation will be required in these cases. Please note that computer problems are not considered emergencies, so be sure that the computer you use is in good working order, and that you back up your work on a floppy disc and/or print out rough work and essay drafts.

Concerns about the marking of assignments are welcome. If the student has concerns about the mark that they received for an assignment, they are asked to submit a written memo of a half page to the instructor explaining their concern at the beginning of the class after the assignment has been handed back to the student. The instructor will then report back to the student on their concern.

Plagiarism

The St. Thomas More Faculty Council has adopted the following policy on plagiarism:

“St. Thomas More College follows the rules regarding Academic Dishonest as delineated in the University of Saskatchewan Calendar. Of those, plagiarism is a particularly serious offence that involves presenting a person’s writing, ideas, or creative work as your own. When quoting, paraphrasing, describing, presenting, summarizing, or translating the work of others, you must acknowledge the source of the information you use, which includes ensuring that the reader can differentiate between your words and the words of others. Sources may come in print, electronic, digital, visual, or oral form, and be provided by a published author, fellow student, artist, or Internet site. Purchasing papers is not permitted. It is your responsibility to understand what constitutes plagiarism; when in doubt, consult your professor.”

It should also be noted that sub-section C of section 2 of the University of Saskatchewan’s *Regulations on Student Academic Misconduct* defines academic misconduct as: "Using work done in one course in fulfillment of any requirement of another course unless approval is obtained from the instructor by whom the material is being evaluated." As such, you need my permission to use substantial portions of a paper that you have handed into another professor for our class’ final paper.

Students with Disabilities

If you are a student who is registered with the Office of Disability Services for Students (DSS), you may apply for unique services or arrangements to complete the requirements for this course. Normally, these services will be provided through the DSS office. If you have not yet registered with that office, please do so as quickly as possible.

Required Texts

Christopher Dunn (Editor). *Provinces: Canadian Provincial Politics, Second Edition*. Peterborough: Broadview Press. 2006.

Various readings that will be posted on PAWS.

Book of Course Handouts available in pdf format on PAWS.

**** Lectures will heavily discuss the readings in the textbook and on PAWS but they will not summarize or replicate the readings. In class discussions, you will be expected to

critically interact with the assigned readings. Thus, it is imperative for all students to read each of the readings **and bring their textbooks, book of course handouts, and readings posted on PAWS to class.**

Lecture and Reading Schedule

All Readings are required.

Week 1, September 6: Introduction to class.

Week 2, September 9-13, Introduction to the Study of Provincial Politics: "Canada's Division of Powers" in Book of Course Handouts posted on PAWS and Christopher Dunn, "Introduction" in textbook, p. 9-20. **CLASS IS CANCELLED ON SEPTEMBER 13.**

Week 3, September 16-20, Provincial Political Cultures: Nelson Wiseman, "Provincial Political Cultures" in textbook, p. 21-56. David McGrane and Loleen Berdahl, "Small Worlds No More: Reconsidering Provincial Political Cultures in Canada", *Regional and Federal Studies*, 2013, posted on PAWS.

Week 4, September 23-27, Regionalism and Nationalism in Canadian Provinces: David McGrane, "Western Alienation or Mere Critique of Federal Government Policies? Saskatchewan Social Democrats' View of Federalism from 1900 to Present", *International Journal of Canadian Studies*, Volume 32, (2005), p. 205-235 posted on PAWS. René Lévesque, "For an Independent Quebec" *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 54, No. 4 (Jul., 1976), pp. 734-744 posted on PAWS.

Week 5, September 30-October 4, Provincial Political Parties and Elections Donald Blake, "Electoral Democracy in Provinces and Territories" in textbook, p. 115-144 and David K. Stewart R. Kenneth Carty, "Parties and Party Systems" in textbook, p. 97-114.

Week 6, October 7-October 11, Saskatchewan Provincial Elections: David McGrane, "The 2007 Provincial Election in Saskatchewan", *Canadian Political Science Review*, Volume 2, Number 1, (March/April 2008), p. 64-71. David McGrane, Stephen White, Loleen Berdahl, and Michael Atkinson, "Leadership, Partisan Loyalty, and Issue Saliency: The 2011 Provincial Election in Saskatchewan", *Canadian Political Science Review*, Volume 7, Number 1, (2013), p. 1-12, posted on PAWS. **NO CLASS ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 (TERM 1 BREAK DAY).**

Week 7, October 14-18, Provincial-Federal Relations and Provincial-Municipal Relations: Richard Tindal and Susan Nobes Tindal, "Intergovernmental Relations from the Local Perspective" in textbook, p. 301-337. **NO CLASS ON MONDAY OCTOBER 14 (THANKSGIVING). ARTICLE REVIEW DUE ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16.**

Week 8 October 21-25, Provincial Executives and Legislatures: Christopher Dunn, "Premiers and Cabinets" in textbook, p. 215-254 and Graham White, "Evaluating

Provincial and Territorial Legislatures” in textbook, p. 255-278. Guest: Pat Atkinson, former cabinet minister in the Saskatchewan government.

Week 9, October 28-November 1, Courts and Labour: Tuesday, March 5th: Carl Baar, “Court Systems and the Provinces” in textbook, p. 279-300. Gene Swimmer and Tim Bartkiw, “Provincial Policies Concerning Collective Bargaining” in textbook, p. 507-536.

Week 10, November 4-8, Provincial Budgeting and Economic Policy: Tuesday, March 12th: Geoffrey Hale, “Balancing Autonomy and Responsibility: The Politics of Provincial Fiscal and Tax Policies” in textbook, p. 373-414. Michael Howlett, “De-mythologizing Provincial Political Economies: The Development of the Service Sectors in the Provinces, 1911-2001” in textbook, p. 353-372. Peter Phillips, “Whither Saskatchewan? A Look at Economic Policies, 1975-2000”, *Canadian Business Economics* 6, no. 4 (November 1998), p. 36-49 available on PAWS.

Week 11, November 11-15, Gender, First Nations, and Canadian Provincial Politics: Jonathan Malloy, "Double Identities: Aboriginal Policy Agencies in British Columbia and Ontario," *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, Volume 34, Number 1 (March 2001), p. 131-155 on PAWS. Brenda O'Neill, “Women’s Status across the Canadian Provinces, 1999-2002: Exploring Differences and Possible Explanations”, p. 467-487. **NO CLASS ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 11 (REMEMBRANCE DAY).**

Week 12, November 18-22, Provincial Environmental and Social Policy: Karen Bridget Murray, “The Realignment of Government in the Provinces” in textbook, p. 415-434, David K. Foot, “The Policy Implications of Provincial Demographics” in textbook, p. 435-466. Debora L. VanNijnatten and Gerard Boychuk, “Comparative State and Provincial Public Policy” in textbook, p. 487-506. **FINAL PAPER IS DUE ON NOVEMBER 18.**

Week 13, November 25-29, Territorial Politics: Gregory Tradi, “A Nutshell Reminder of the Evolution of Canada’s Territories”, p. 337-352 in textbook.

Week 14, December 2-4, Review of Course: No readings assigned.

December 6-22, Final Exam: Exact date, time and location to be announced.