



Lakehead University  
*POLI 1100 Introduction to Political Science (2011-12Y)*  
*TTh 8:30-10:00 – UC 1017*

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course provides an introduction to the field of Political Science, including its scope, concepts and methods. It focuses on the institutional and social framework of political activity, with particular attention paid to the Canadian and other political systems, and to the role of political ideas.

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Required Texts:**

*Note: Please purchase the editions listed*

1. Islam, *Introduction to Political Science*
2. Other readings will be made available to the class by the instructor

#### **Grading:**

1<sup>st</sup> Paper: 15%

2<sup>nd</sup> Paper: 20%

Mid-Term Exam: 25%

Final exam: 30%

Participation: 10%

**Assignments:** Topics to be distributed. Unless otherwise stated, assignments are due in class on the date scheduled. Late assignments will see a grade deduction of 2% per day.

**Electronic Devices:** Cell phones should be left at the front of the class, or should not be visible to the instructor (e.g. placed in a bag or purse). If a cell phone is visible, the instructor will assume that it is being used. Placing your cell phone on your lap/desk/etc. and glancing down to read texts, emails, etc., fools no one. Laptop use is discouraged. No audio or video recording of the class is allowed without the permission of the instructor.

**Class Participation:** All students are expected to:

1. Read assigned material carefully.
2. Be prepared to discuss the readings.
3. Bring the readings (hard copies) to class.
4. Follow the course's electronic device policy.
5. Avoid: (a) excessive absences and tardies; (b) private conversations; (c) being inattentive and/or appearing inattentive.

*Note 1: Consistently meeting these expectations will earn students a mark in the "B" range (70-79%).*

*Note 2: To earn a mark in the "A" range (80-100%), consistently fulfill the 5 requirements AND participate in class discussion in a thoughtful way.*

*Note 3: Failure to follow even one of the 5 expectations may result in an extremely low grade (for instance, multiple violations of the course's electronic device policy will result in a mark as low as 1/10 for participation). **Participation grades are not free marks!***

**Academic Honesty:** Academic honesty is expected of all Lakehead University students. It should go without saying that cheating, collusion, and plagiarism will not be tolerated. Students are expected to make themselves fully familiar with Lakehead's policy. Although all these policies will be enforced in full, it is worth emphasizing the following:

**\*\*\*Plagiarism involves presenting another's work, ideas, theories, or interpretation as one's own.\*\*\***

To avoid plagiarism, writers should always:

1. Put quotation marks around any words from sources
2. Paraphrase material completely; changing (with the help of a thesaurus) or rearranging a few words or the tense of a verb is not paraphrasing.
3. Give accurate and complete citations for all material **including paraphrased material.**
4. Avoid borrowing entire arguments or approaches to a subject from another writer. Make it 'original' while staying faithful to the assignment parameters.

## COURSE SCHEDULE

Note: Readings and schedule will be adjusted as necessary at the instructor's discretion.

### Fall Term

#### INTRODUCTION TO POLITICS

Week 1	09/13	Course Syllabus
	09/15	Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> Book I, Chapters 1-3
Week 2	09/20	Moten and Islam, Chapter 1: "Nature and Characteristics of Politics"

09/22 Moten, and Islam, Chapter 2: "Nature and Scope of Politics"

### GOVERNMENT AND ITS FORMS

Week 3	09/27	Moten, and Islam, Chapter 6, "Forms of Government"
	09/29	Moten, and Islam, Chapter 8, "Democracy", ONLY pp. 123-130)
Week 4	10/4	Plato, <i>Republic</i> (excerpt) Hobbes, <i>Leviathan</i> (excerpt)
	10/6	James Madison, <i>Federalist 10</i>
Week 5	10/11	Moten and Islam, Chapter 9: Constitution and Constitutional Government
	10/13	Moten and Islam, Chapter 10, "The Legislature"
Week 6	10/18	Moten and Islam, Chapter 11, "The Executive"
	10/20	Moten and Islam, Chapter 8 "Parliamentary vs. Presidential Systems," ONLY pp. 130-143
Week 7	10/25	Moten and Islam, Chapter 7: Unitary, Federal and Confederal States
	10/27	TBA
Week 8	11/1	Moten and Islam, Chapter 19, "Political Parties and the Party System"

### OTHER POLITICAL PLAYERS

	11/3	Moten and Islam, Chapter 21, "Election and Electoral System"
Week 9	11/8	Moten and Islam, Chapter 22, "Public Opinion and Media"

### INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

	11/10	Moten and Islam, Chapter 25, "International Relations and International System, "ONLY pp. 419-431
Week 10	11/15	Moten and Islam, Chapter 25, "International Relations and International System, "ONLY pp. 431-438
	11/17	Moten and Islam, Chapter 26, "International Organizations," ONLY, pp. 449-462
Week 11	11/22	Moten and Islam, Chapter 26, "International Organizations," ONLY, pp. 462-470

	11/24	Moten and Islam, Chapter 26, "International Organizations," ONLY, pp. 470-484
Week 12	11/29	Moten and Islam, Chapter 23: "Political Violence, Revolution, and Terrorism"
	12/01	Mid-Term Exam Review

MID-TERM EXAM – CHECK LU SCHEDULE FOR DAY AND TIME

**Winter Term**

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY and CITIZENSHIP

Week 1	01/10	Plato, <i>Crito</i>
	01/12	Plato, <i>Crito</i>
Week 2	1/17	Aristotle, <i>Politics</i> Bk. 1
	1/19	Aristotle, <i>Politics</i> Bk. 1

RIGHTS AND POLITICS

Week 3	1/24	Jefferson, Declaration of Independence, <a href="http://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/declare.asp">http://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/declare.asp</a>
	1/26	Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, <a href="http://laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/charter/page-1.html_anchorbo-ga:l_l">http://laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/charter/page-1.html - anchorbo-ga:l_l</a> U.S. Bill of Rights, <a href="http://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/rights1.asp">http://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/rights1.asp</a>
Week 4	1/31	Universal Declaration of Human Rights <a href="http://www.un.org/en/documents/udhr/">http://www.un.org/en/documents/udhr/</a>

RIGHTS, EQUALITY, LAW AND THE JUDICIARY

	2/2	Moten, and Islam, Chapter 14, "Law and the Judiciary"
Week 5	2/7	Supreme Court of Canada, <i>R. v. Oakes</i> (1984)
	2/9	Supreme Court of Canada, <i>Auton v. British Columbia</i>
Week 6	2/14	Supreme Court of Canada, <i>R v. Zundel</i> (1992) Supreme Court of Canada, <i>R. v. Sharpe</i> (2001)
	2/16	Supreme Court of Canada, <i>Egan v. Canada</i> (1999)
Week 7	2/21	NO CLASSES
	2/23	NO CLASSES

## NATIONALISM, FEMINISM, AND ABORIGINAL ISSUES

Week 8	2/28	Moten and Islam, Chapter 16, "Nationalism, Ethnonationalism, and Internationalism"
	3/1	Supreme Court of Canada, <i>Ford v. Quebec</i> (1988)
Week 9	3/6	John Beaucage, <i>The Aboriginal Advisor's Report on the status of Aboriginal child welfare in Ontario</i> , ONLY Advisor's Forward, sec. 1-4, Summary Stephen Harper, Statement of Apology, <a href="http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ai/rqpi/apo/pmsh-eng.asp">http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ai/rqpi/apo/pmsh-eng.asp</a>
	3/8	Supreme Court of Canada, <i>Delgamuukw v. BC</i> (1997) Supreme Court of Canada, <i>R. v. Marshall</i> (1999)
Week 10	3/13	NO CLASSES
	3/15	NO CLASSES
Week 11	3/20	Moten and Islam, Political Ideologies, Chapter 17, "Feminism"
	3/22	Supreme Court of Canada, <i>Meiorin Case</i> (1999)
Week 12	3/27	U.S. Supreme Court, <i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i> (2007)

## POLITICAL RHETORIC and STATESMANSHIP

	3/29	Pericles, <i>Funeral Oration</i> Lincoln, <i>Gettysburg Address</i>
Week 13	4/3	TBA
	4/5	Final Exam Review

FINAL EXAM – CHECK LU SCHEDULE FOR DAY AND TIME