

Canadian Politics



As residents of Canada, it's important to understand our political system. After all, how else would we know how to make changes that will improve our lives, along with those of our friends and neighbours.

Begin your study of Canadian Politics with our second-year core courses:

POST 2011H – Governing Canada: Issues and Challenges

POST 2012H – Democratizing Canada: Contemporary Issues

3rd-year Courses

POST 3015H – Urban Governance

Explores the structures, functions, and financing of local government in Canada, and the relationship that municipal and Aboriginal governments have with their provincial and federal counterparts.

POST 3091H – Law and Constitutional Issues

In what ways does the Canadian constitution both constrain and open up possibilities for political change? POST 3091 looks at important issues like federal and provincial powers, secession, Senate reform, and Aboriginal self-government. POST 3092 focuses on the impact of key Supreme Court *Charter* decisions pertaining to fundamental freedoms, democratic rights, legal rights, and equality rights.

POST 3420H – Poverty, Politics, and Protest

Explores poor people's movements in the context of globalization, neoliberalism, and urban restructuring.

POST-ERST 3030H – Green Politics

POST-CAST 3000Y: Reading the Social: Space, Difference, and Power in Canada

POST-ERST 3120H: Canadian Environmental Policy

POST-CAST 3665H: Canada: State, Society, Power

POST-CAST 3785H: Canada in the 1980s: Culture and Conflict

POST-WMST 3962H: Gender, Sexualities, and the Law

4th-year Courses

POST 4055H – Contemporary Canadian Problems

Surveys contemporary Canadian public policy issues with an emphasis on activities within policy networks and the formulation of alternative policy solutions.

POST 4081H – Cdn Politics & Public Policy

POST 4082H – Federal & Provincial Power

Examine the public policy process in Canada. POST 4081H focuses on the role of key federal actors such as the Prime Minister, the opposition, and the public in the creation of public policy. POST 4082 explores the implications of federal-provincial relations, including their place in central public policy issues such as economic policy, immigration, health care, welfare, education and childcare.

POST 4555H – City, Economy and Society

Focuses on contemporary issues facing Canadian cities in comparative perspective. Examines the ways cities are being reordered to enhance their global competitiveness, and analyzes the effects of restructuring on communities and struggles for social justice.

POST-IDST 4240Y: Canada, Globalization, and International Development

POST-WMST 4430Y/4431H: Growing Gap: Gender (In)Justice in Canada

POST-CAST 4440Y/4441H: Space, Power, and Citizenship

POST-CAST 4460H: Security, Surveillance, and the Making of the Contemporary Canadian State

POST-CAST 4771H/4772H: Canadian Social Policy 1830–2014