POLITICAL SCIENCE 252 - POLITICS IN CANADA

Sessions for this course will take place weekly on Monday afternoons throughout the semester. They will be conducted in a mixed seminar-lecture style with the first segment consisting of a lecture, followed by a general discussion pursuing whatever directions students and professor feel it should.

Three books have been ordered for purchase. They are available in the Bookstore.


Donald Savoie, *Governing from the Centre: The Concentration of Power in Canada*, University of Toronto Press, 1999


The Jackson volume is a text-book and is probably the best single introductory work produced on Canadian politics to date. The Savoie study focuses on the influence of the political executive. The Bickerton (*et al.*) book is a summary on voting and the political parties.

The schedule of topics and the readings are outlined below. The asterisks denote the most basic material for each topic or session in the course. This material and a collection of books and monographs have been placed on two-hour reserve in the Reserve Reading Room of Rush Rhees Library. In addition, for those wishing to pursue matters further, the Library has a collection of Canadiana and receives several relevant daily newspapers as well as weekly and monthly publications.

**The requirements**: each student must produce two short papers (between 5 and 8 pages) on topics assigned. These papers will each count for 25 per cent of the final grade (for a total of 50 per cent). They must be submitted by the deadlines indicated on the assignment sheet. An two-hour exam toward the end of the semester will count for the remaining 50 per cent of the grade.
SCHEDULE

1. INTRODUCTION


2. THE SETTING: ASPECTS OF CANADIAN SOCIETY AND ITS ‘STRUCTURE OF POWER’


3. THE CANADIAN POLITICAL CULTURE: WHAT IS PECULIARLY 'CANADIAN' ABOUT CANADA?


S.M. Lipset, *Continental Divide: The Values and Institutions of the United States and Canada*

Novels and Assorted Literature:

Margaret Atwood, *Cats Eye*
Morley Callaghan, *The Loved and the Lost*
Robertson Davies, *Leaven of Malice*
Stephen Leacock, *Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town*
*Hugh Maclennan, *Two Solitudes* 
____________, *The Watch That Ends the Night*
W.O. Mitchell, *Who Has Seen the Wind?*
E. Portal, *Killing Ground*
Mordecai Richler, *Son of a Smaller Hero*
____________, *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz*
Gabrielle Roy, *The Tin Flute*
4. **THE CONSTITUTION AND FEDERALISM**


   R. Kent Weaver (ed.), *The Collapse of Canada?* pp. 7-75.

5. **QUEBEC**

   * Jackson and Jackson, *Politics in Canada*, Ch. 7, “Nationalism and Regionalism: Quebec, the West and the Rest,” pp 222-254.


6. **THE BASES OF CANADIAN PARTISAN AFFILIATIONS**

   * James Bickerton (et al.), *Ties that Bind: Parties and Voting in Canada*

   * André Blais (et al.), *Anatomy of a Liberal Victory: Making Sense of the Vote in the 2000 Canadian Election*


7. **THE PARTIES I: THE LIBERALS AND THE CONSERVATIVES**


   P. Martin, *et al.*, *The Contenders*

   C. McCall-Newman, *Grits*

   P. Regenstreif, *The Liberal Party of Canada: A Political Analysis*

   _________, *The Diefenbaker Interlude: Parties and Voting in Canada*

   R. Whittaker, *The Government Party*
8.  THE PARTIES II: NDP, SOCIAL CREDIT, REFORM/ALLIANCE, BLOC QUEBECOIS

G. Horowitz, *Canadian Labor In Politics*, esp. Chapter 1
*Jackson and Jackson, *Politics in Canada*, Chapter 11 (as above in previous section)
M. Pinard, *The Rise of a Third Party*
W. Young, *The Anatomy of a Party: The National CCF*

9.  THE POLITICAL EXECUTIVE I: THE PRIME MINISTER

*Savoie, *Governing from the Centre: The Concentration of Power in Canada*

Plus a biography:

D.G. Creighton on *Macdonald*
Richard Gwyn on *Trudeau (The Northern Magus)*
L. Ian Macdonald on *Mulroney (Mulroney: The Making of the Prime Minister)*
Peter Newman on *Diefenbaker (Renegade in Power)* or *Pearson (Distemper of Our Times)*
Joseph Schull, *Laurier*

10.  THE POLITICAL EXECUTIVE II: THE CABINET AND THE POLICY PROCESS

*Jackson and Jackson, *Politics in Canada*, Chapter 8 (as above in previous section)
*Savoie, *Governing from the Centre: The Concentration of Power in Canada*

11.  THE LEGISLATURE

*Jackson and Jackson, *Politics in Canada*, Ch. 9, "Legislative Politics: Symbolism or Power?" pp. 293-333; and Ch. 13, "Interest Groups and Political Movements: Influencing Public Policy," pp. 465-496.
12. CANADA, THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD

C.F. Doran and J.H. Sigler (eds.), *Canada and the United States: Enduring Friendship, Persistent Stress*

13. PUBLIC POLICY