

ST IN CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS I: PARTIES AND IDEOLOGIES IN CANADA

Course Outline

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Prerequisite: eight upper division units in political science or permission of the department.
Recommended: at least one of POL 222, POL 322, POL 210 or POL 313

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Description:

This course examines contemporary and 20th century political ideas central to the Canadian party system, with special attention to both party ideologies and the broader themes in Canadian political discourse to which parties have contributed. The nature of party competition in the 2011 federal election campaign will receive special attention. Student contributions will be crucial to this seminar; detailed discussions of class readings will occur in both small group and full class formats. All students will be responsible for several brief 'reports' following their small group discussions of specific readings.

Research papers will be 4500-5000 words and utilize a broad range of primary and secondary sources. The final take-home exam will be due one week after the last class.

POL 428/826 course is open to senior undergraduates and MA students.

Course Organization: There will be one four hour seminar weekly.

Required Texts:

M. Freedon, Ideology: A Very Short Introduction
POL 428/826 Custom Courseware kit.

Course Evaluation:

Essay evaluation	10 %	Research essay	40 %
Class participation	10 %	Take-home final exam	30 %
Group presentations	10%		

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