



CURRICULUM GUIDE: OFFICIAL COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code	POLI 100	Course Title	Introduction to Political Science			
Credit Value	3	Department	Social Sciences			
No. of weeks	14	Hrs. per week	<i>Lecture</i>	<i>Tutorial</i>	<i>Laboratory</i>	<i>Total</i>
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Course Description	The aim of this course is to introduce students to the various systems which communities use to establish, elect, structure, and manage their governing bodies. Students will learn about the impact of political systems on the major issues of the day, including climate change, globalization, the threat of nuclear war, the distribution of wealth, race relations, cultural hegemony, and regional dynamics.					
Prerequisite(s)	ENGL 098					
Initial Articulation Targets	<i>UBC</i>	<i>SFU</i>	<i>UVic</i>	<i>UNBC</i>	<i>TRU</i>	
	POLI 100 (3)	POL 100 (3)	POLI 103 (1.5)	POLS 1XX (3)	POLI 1210 (3)	
	For updated information on the transferability of this course, please consult the BC Transfer Guide, www.bctransferguide.ca					
Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and summarize some of the major theories and models in political science Critically assess the political influence of various political strategies Differentiate amongst different approaches in political science research Demonstrate critical thinking and analysis of communications topics in written assignments. Synthesize political science, political theory, and history into written assignments, presentations, and other assessments. 					
Content	<p>Core topics – all of the following will be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Western political theory: Defining the state and the nation Ideologies: Liberalism, Socialism, Conservatism Parliamentary and presidential systems The political process: Elections and Political Parties The Legislative: Constitutional Government The Executive: Administration, Bureaucracies and Public Policy The Judiciary: the Role of Courts International Relations and Foreign Policy International Institutions and Politics: the United Nations Globalization and Global Issues (climate change, nuclear proliferation, world trade, among others) 					



	Additional topics may also be covered, at the discretion of the instructor.		
Methods of Instruction	Lecture, in-class discussion and debate, audio visual presentations, small group work, regular reflective submissions, individual work on assignments.		
Required Textbook(s)	The following textbook(s) is/are required, or approved equivalent(s). Garner, R., et al. (2017) Introduction to Politics – Second Canadian Edition. Oxford University Press Canada.		
Required Equipment and Technology	Students are required to have a computer with internet access. The following resources are provided by the College: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office 365 • Student email 		
Homework Hours	At minimum, students can expect one hour of homework for every hour of instructional time.		
Evaluation	<i>Component</i>	<i>% Value</i>	
	In-Class Activities and Debates	10-20%	
	Weekly Responses	10-25%	
	Midterm	20-25%	
	Research essay	20-25%	
Final Examination	25-30%		
Completion Requirements	The minimum grade to pass this course is D (50%). Unless otherwise stated, a minimum grade of C- (55%) is required for this course to fulfil a prerequisite.		
Course Designer(s)	S. Jovian Radheshwar, Ph.D., Department of Political Science, Douglas College	Consultant(s), <i>if applicable</i>	
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