DEPARTMENT OF
POLITICAL SCIENCE

POLS 2250 Public Administration & Governance

Credit Weighting: 0.50 **Pre-/Co-Requisites:** 1150/1400 **Restrictions:**

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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GENERAL DETAILS

The purpose of this course is to build your foundational knowledge and understanding of the theory and practice of public administration in the Canadian context. While the course content will primarily focus on this country's administrative practices and reform initiatives, an effort will be made to situate our system and these initiatives in a more global context since the reality is that there has been a widespread adoption of new public management (NPM) in recent years. Moreover, the quest for greater efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of public services is universal.

In this course you will acquire a better appreciation of organisational theory and the theories of public administration as well as a heightened awareness of the enormous impact of NPM on the organisation of government and the delivery of public goods and services. In order to fully appreciate the impact of NPM, you will need to understand the various organisational forms (i.e., department, agency and Crown corporation) that were historically used to deliver a variety of programs and services to the public. These traditional organization forms stand in stark contrast to the various forms of alternative service delivery (ASD) mechanisms that have been adopted by government in recent years, such as Special Operating Agencies, contracting out, privatization and public sector-private sector partnerships (P3s).

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Students who have completed this course should have:
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Canada;
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with the advent of the NPM paradigm;
(vi)
electronically through the internet.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

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REQUIRED READING

Paul Barker and Tim A. Mau. Public Administration in Canada. 2nd Edition. (Scarborough: Thomson Nelson, 2017).