DEPARTMENT OF
POLITICAL SCIENCE

POLS*3050 Canadian Campaigns & Elections

CALENDAR INFORMATION

This course provides an introduction to the electoral process in Canada. It will explore factors that explain citizens' vote choices and the strategies used by candidates and their campaigns to win these votes. The course integrates literature on the electoral system, campaign financing, political parties, political communication, and voting behaviour.

Credit Weighting: 0.5 **Pre-/Co-Requisites:** POLS 1400 OR 2300 **Restrictions:** N/A

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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GENERAL DETAILS

The course will mainly focus on parties and elections at the federal level. The objectives of this course are to provide students:
- with an understanding of the Canadian electoral system from a historical and contemporary perspective.
-with an understanding of the key political actors (political parties, candidates, interest groups).
- with an opportunity to connect real life electoral events with the scholarly literature on elections.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Understand the basic institutions and processes of elections and campaigns in Canada and reflect on importance of participation in the politics.
Have improved academic writing skills in political science including organizing ideas, synthesis of research materials, justifying positions and appropriate attribution.
Demonstrate well developed, independent information literacy and research skills

COURSE FORMAT

This course is designated as AD-S is Alternate Delivery – Synchronous. There will be in-person lectures. However, those lectures will be recorded and assessments will not be completed in person.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

Assignments may include:
- Online quizzes
- Research assignments
- Group presentations
- Online final examination

REQUIRED READING

There is no textbook; readings will be on ARES course reserves.

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