

POLS\*3130 Law, Politics, and the Judicial Process

**Credit Weighting:** 0.5

**Pre-/Co-Requisites:**

**Restrictions:**

**INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION**

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**GENERAL DETAILS**

This course offers a political science perspective on the Canadian judiciary, examining how courts interact with other political institutions and influence public policy. Students will explore the structure of the judicial system, how judges are appointed, and the importance of judicial independence and ethics. Key topics also include interest group litigation and the powerful role of judicial review. Throughout the course, we'll investigate how legal decisions shape—and are shaped by—the broader political context in Canada.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

By the end of the course, students should be able to identify and critically evaluate the structure, scope, and practice of judicial power in Canada through engagement with scholarly and primary sources.

**METHOD OF ASSESSMENT**

In-class participation

In-class midterm(s)

In-person final exam

\*assessments are subject to change

**REQUIRED READING**

All texts can be electronically accessed through the University library or uploaded on CourseLink.