

POLS*4050/POLS*6200: Reconciling Canadian Law

Credit Weighting: 1.0

Pre-/Co-Requisites:

Restrictions:

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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GENERAL DETAILS

This course critically examines the goal of reconciliation between Indigenous peoples and the Canadian state. The course will evaluate whether various aspects of public law, such as constitutional, criminal, and administrative law, are meeting the expectations of reconciliation as outlined by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's (TRC) 94 Calls to Action and the United Nation's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). Specific topics include modern treaty processes and self-government agreements; Indigenous peoples' experiences with the criminal justice system including incarceration and police profiling; and tribunals' impact assessments on claimed traditional territory.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Students will develop the ability to critically engage with Indigenous and Canadian political thought and worldviews, with a focus on how Indigenous and common law legal traditions can contribute to building a positive nation-to-nation relationship.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

In-class participation

Presentation(s)

Audience Feedback

In-class final exam

*assessments subject to change

REQUIRED READING

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