DEPARTMENT OF
POLITICAL SCIENCE

Credit Weighting: 1.0 **Pre-/Co-Requisites:** **Restrictions:**

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

Name: Dr. Candace Johnson
Email: candace.johnson@uoguelph.ca
Office Location: MCKN 511

GENERAL DETAILS

In this seminar class we will examine relationships among gender, politics, and public policy from a number of perspectives. We will begin with discussions of feminist theory and its main contemporary debates as a way to build a foundation for more concrete discussions of gender politics and public policy. We will then build on theoretical foundations and frameworks to consider women ' s and gendered participation in formal and informal politics and consider the impacts and deficits of this participation. The final segment of the course will be dedicated to public policy issues such as body politics, reproduction, and family policy. Much of our readings and discussions will focus on these issues and debates in Canada but we will also consider comparative cases and global contexts.

Students are expected to be prepared for classes, which means that they have read all assigned material for that week ' s class and are ready to participate in discussions. The quality of the class experience and discussion will be dependent on student participation and engagement, and learning will be the product of examining ideas together. The instructor will be a guide and a participant in the process and will facilitate discussion, explain concepts and terms when necessary, and fill-in knowledge gaps as required.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

This course will emphasize the following learning outcomes:

1. Critical and creative thinking: This course will emphasize analytical inquiry (through theoretical examinations and gendered analyses); creativity, and innovation; and depth and breadth of understanding.
2. Global understanding: We will consider a number of debates and cases in comparative and global perspective; we will consider transnational issues and phenomena.
3. Communicating: We will develop both verbal and written communications skills through presentations, class discussion, and written assignments.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

(tentative)
4100
Weekly assignment
Policy review
Presentation
In-class final exam

6180

REQUIRED READING

Required Text: Jacquetta Newman, Linda A. White, and Tammy Findlay. 2020. Women, Politics, and Public Policy: The Political Struggles of Canadian Women. Third Edition. Toronto and Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Additional readings will be available through the ARES library reserve system.