

POLS*4340 Nationalism, State Building, and Identity**Credit Weighting:** 1.0**INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION****Name:** Ian S. Spears**Email:** ispears@uoguelph.ca**Office Location:** 535 Mackinnon**Pre-/Co-Requisites:** 12.50 credits including [(1 of POLS*2000, POLS*2100, POLS*2200), 0.50 credits at the 3000 level in the Comparative Politics stream or the International Relations and Global Studies stream]. Streams are defined under the Political Science Major.**Restrictions:****GENERAL DETAILS**

Welcome to POLS 4340. This course considers perspectives on political development. Special attention is paid to the links between nationalism, identity and state building in its many dimensions and conceptions. Students will be exposed to an eclectic mix of ideas including the impact of war, colonialism, and technology in advancing development. Various ideas concerning identity, gender, nationalism, and ethnicity will also be examined. As a full credit course, this seminar has demanding reading, writing, and participation components. Students should ensure that they are suited to engaging in each component enthusiastically. Much of this literature considered here offers provocative, critical and contrasting examinations on issues that may be sensitive to some students. The topics are presented here in the spirit of seeking to inform rather than to persuade. If you choose to continue in this course, it will be assumed that you are aware of the topics under discussion and that you are comfortable discussing them in a open-minded and respectful manner.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

In this course, students will encounter opportunities to acquire or develop the following:

- 1) Understand contrasting approaches to identity, identity formation and political development.
- 2) Understand, navigate, express and defend ideas both orally and in writing.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

Students will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

Midterm #1	25%
Midterm #2	25%
Final Exam	30%
Class Participation	10%
Weekly Quiz	10%
Total	100%

REQUIRED READING

There is no textbook for this course. The course reading material will be available on e-reserve at McLaughlin Library. Go to the library website and click on course reserves. Other materials may be made available on the CourseLink website. Students are expected to come to class having read and prepared to discuss the course materials for that day.