

**POLS\*3130(01)**  
**Law, Politics and Judicial Process**

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**Department of Political Science**  
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**Course Description:**

This course introduces students to law, politics and the judicial process in Canada. Its focus is on the judicial branch of government within the Canadian regime. This focus will be supplemented by comparisons with the judicial processes in other countries. Topics of emphasis include the different kinds of courts within Canada, the character of judicial decision-making, judicial appointment, and the relationship between the courts and other political actors. Particular consideration will be paid to the role the Charter of Rights and Freedoms plays in enhancing judicial power. By the end of this course, students should be able identify and critically evaluate the key decisions, events, and processes contributing to the growth of judicial power. Finally, students should be able to effectively communicate, in both oral and written form, how courts and their decisions shape how Canadians are governed.

**Course Requirements:**

TopHat Participation	10%
Case Brief Assignment	10%
Test #1	15%
Test #2	15%
Final Paper	20%
Final Exam	30%

**Required Texts:**

F.L. Morton and Dave Snow, *Law, Politics, and Judicial Process in Canada* 4<sup>th</sup> ed. (Calgary: University of Calgary Press, 2018.)

F.L. Morton, *Morgentaler v. Borowski: Abortion, the Charter and the Courts* (Toronto: McLelland and Stewart, 1992).