

**THE UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH**  
Department of Political Science  
POLS 3130 – Law, Politics and the Judicial Process  
Summer 2019

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**Lecture Time:** Thursday, 7:00pm – 9:50pm.

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is an introduction to law, politics and the judicial process in Canada. As such, there will be an emphasis on the study of the judicial system as a branch of government and an exploration of the interaction between the judiciary, law and the political process. The course will examine the organization of the judicial system, methods of selecting judges, judicial independence, the different actors that participate in the judicial process and the processes by which courts hear and decide different cases. The primary focus will be on public law in Canada, especially the Charter of Rights. This focus will be supplemented by comparisons with judicial process in other countries.

**Required Readings**

There are two required texts for this course and they are available for purchase at the bookstore.

Lori Hausegger, Matthew Hennigar and Troy Riddell. *Canadian Courts: Law, Politics, and Process, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* (Toronto: Oxford University Press, 2015)

F.L. Morton, *Morgentaler v. Borowski: Abortion, the Charter and the Courts* (Toronto: McLelland and Stewart, 1992). [Reprint available as a photocopy]