

**POLS\*4060**  
**Advanced Lecture in Law and Politics (Section 01):**

**Constitutional Change in Canada**

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**Course Description:**

The Canadian Constitution is associated with terms like “fixed,” “entrenched,” and “rigid.” Attempts to formally amend the Canadian Constitution have been rare since the early 1990s. But the Constitution is far from unchanged since that time. Formal amendment is not the only avenue constitutional modification can take. There are other subtler modes constitutional change. The last two decades has seen in variety of constitutional development and change, and this course focuses on those instances. The course concerns political institutions and how they change, using the Canadian Constitution as a case study.

**Course Requirements:**

TopHat Participation	15%
Reading Response	10%
Group Presentation	20%
Final Paper	25%
Take home Exam	30%

**Required Texts:**

Bateman, Thomas M.J., Janet L. Hiebert, Rainer Knopff, and Peter H. Russell, eds., *The Court and the Constitution: Leading Cases*, 2nd edition. Toronto: Emond Publishing, 2017.

Macfarlane, Emmett ed., *Constitutional Amendment in Canada*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2016.

Additional readings, including articles, chapters, and online commentaries, will be on available through CourseLink.