

**POLS 405.3 — 1/2(3S)**

**Canadian Elections and Political Parties**

Elections and political parties are crucial components of Canadian democracy. This course explores the ideology and organization of Canadian political parties as well as how these parties interact with the media and the role they play in our parliamentary institutions. The course will also examine various aspects of Canadian elections such as vote choice, political marketing, party financing, campaign strategy, social media, and electoral regulations.

Permission of the department required.

**Prerequisite(s): 6 credit units 100-level POLS.**

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**POLS 465.3 — 1/2(3S)**

**Nationalism**

Designed to introduce the senior undergraduate student to the phenomenon of nationalism as a historical and modern political force, this course focuses on the theoretical and political aspects of nationalism, highlighting its origins, evolution, contradictions, and implications for both the nation-state and the international system.

Permission of the department required.

Prerequisite(s): POLS 261.3 and 262.3.

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## **POLS OFFERINGS AT ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGE**

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### **POLS 111.3 — 1/2(3L)**

#### **Democracy in North America**

An introduction to the study of politics through an examination of contemporary issues and ideas that arise in and between the democratic systems of Canada, the United States and Mexico, including democracy, sovereignty, aboriginal issues, NAFTA, globalization, identity, rights, representation and political participation.

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### **POLS 112.3 — 1/2(3L)**

#### **Political Ideas and Change in Global Era**

An introduction to political ideas and change in a global era. The course explores themes such as nationalism, ideology, development, democratization, globalization, sovereignty, conflict and human rights.

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### **POLS 205.3 — 1/2(3L)**

#### **Canadian Politics and Society**

Introduces students to the societal context of Canadian political life, including political culture, political sociology and history, social movements, political parties, political identities, regionalism, and nationalism.

**Prerequisite(s): Any two of IS 110, POLS 111, POLS 112; or 60 credit units at university level.**

**Note: Students with credit for POLS 203 may not take this course for credit.**

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### **POLS 222.3 — 1/2(3L)**

#### **Aboriginal Governance and Politics**

An analysis of existing and emerging systems of Aboriginal governance and politics at the local, regional, provincial and national levels in Canada.

**Prerequisite(s): Any two of IS 110, POLS 111, POLS 112; or 60 credit units at university level.**

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### **POLS 249.3 — 1(3L)**

#### **American Government and Politics**

Will examine the formal and informal processes of the American system of government. Topics will include the institutions of the Presidency, the Congress, and the bureaucracy and their interaction, as well as the mass media, public opinion, political parties and interest groups.

**Prerequisite(s): Any two of IS 110, POLS 111, POLS 112; or 60 credit units at university level.**

**Note: Students with credit for POLS 242 may not take this course for credit.**

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### **POLS 250.3 — 1/2(3L)**

#### **Understanding the State in a Global Era**

This course examines various theories to understanding the state within a global context, such as liberalism, realism, pluralism, feminism, Marxism and new theories of ecologicalism.

**Prerequisite(s): Any two of IS 110, POLS 111, POLS 112; or 60 credit units at university level.**

**Note: Students with credit for POLS 252 may not take this course for credit.**

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### **POLS 261.3 — 1/2(3L)**

#### **Global Politics**

An introduction to the dynamics of international politics. It introduces students to the evolution of international politics with a focus on major events and ideas in the development of the modern international system, with particular emphasis on political concepts, ideologies and theories regarding the nature, meaning and development of the international system.

**Prerequisite(s): Any two of IS 110, POLS 111, POLS 112; or 60 credit units at university level.**

**Note: Students with credit for POLS 260 will not receive credit for this course.**

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### **POLS 262.3 — 1/2(3L)**

#### **Global Governance**

Examines major international and non-governmental organizations and institutions such as the UN, EU, NATO, Red Cross, Greenpeace as well as the role of traditional states to understand how they work and to assess their success in dealing with various issues that challenge the international community. The issues considered include conflict and security, the environment, human rights, humanitarian intervention, as well as economic development and well-being.

**Prerequisite(s): Any two of IS 110, POLS 111, POLS 112; or 60 credit units at university level.**

**Note: Students with credit for POLS 260 will not receive credit for this course.**

### **POLS 302.3 — 1/2(3L)**

#### **The Politics and law of Work and Employment**

After exploring the broad understanding of 'work' and the political questions surrounding the social reproduction of work, this course will investigate unique legal definition of 'employment' as a strict legal relationship between those who sell their labour for a wage and those who purchase that labour in order to create additional value through profit. In Canada, the employment relationship has been regulated through numerous legal regimes, each of which will be described and discussed throughout the class. This course will provide the student with a thorough understanding of both the individual and collective nature of Canada's employment regimes, while also developing a richer understanding of the politics of work.

**Prerequisite(s): 12 credit units of POLS and/or IS; or 36 credit units at the university level, including at least 6 credit units of ANTH, ENG, HIST, INDG, IS, POLS, RLST, SOC, or WGST.**

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### **POLS 303.3 — 1/2(3L)**

#### **Public Law and the Courts in Canada**

Will introduce students to Canada's constitution, with special emphasis on the judicial system. It will also examine Canada's constitutional debates, with specific emphasis on the judicial role in shaping federal/provincial division of powers since Confederation.

**Prerequisite(s): 6 credit units 100-level POLS**

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### **POLS 304.3 — 1/2(3L)**

Democracy and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms  
Will introduce students to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Special attention is devoted to the intersection between law and politics, including debates surrounding the introduction of the Charter, ongoing debates concerning judicial power and extensive case reviews.

**Prerequisite(s): 6 credit units 100-level POLS (Students are encouraged to take POLS 303 before taking POLS 304).**

**Note: Students with credit for POLS 307 Topics in Canadian Politics: Law, Politics and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms (offered in 2010-11 and 2011-12) may not take this course for credit.**

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### **POLS 305.3 — 1/2(3L)**

#### **Provincial Politics and Policy**

An examination of the institutions and processes of Canadian provincial political systems with particular emphasis on Saskatchewan.

**Prerequisite(s): 6 credit units 100-level POLS.**

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### **POLS 307.3 — 1/2(3L)**

#### **Topics in Canadian Politics**

An examination of major issues of contemporary concern in Canadian politics, such as constitutional and environmental issues and issues affecting women. The content of the course varies from year to year, but is announced in advance of registration deadlines.

**Prerequisite(s): 6 credit units of 100-level POLS or 30 credit units at university level.**

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### **POLS 327.3 — 1/2(3L)**

#### **Political Marketing**

Political marketing is a sub-field of political science that applies concepts from business marketing literature to the study of politics. It explores the use of marketing techniques by political parties to win elections, governments to 'sell' their policies to citizens, and social movements to sway public opinion in their favour and lobby decision-makers. In this course, students will learn the basic concepts of political marketing and apply these concepts to examples from Canada and around the world.

**Prerequisite(s): 12 credit units of POLS and/or IS; or 36 credit units at the university level, including at least 6 credit units of ANTH, ENG, HIST, INDG, IS, POLS, RLST, SOC, or WGST.**

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### **POLS 336.3 — 1/2(3L)**

#### **Justice and Democracy**

Justice and democracy are two key ideas in contemporary politics. While we generally think they are harmonious ideas, often times they come into conflict. This course addresses contemporary theoretical approaches to the relationship between justice and democracy. Issues to be covered include, what is to be done when democracies reach unjust decisions, what kind of democracy does justice require and how can democratic institutions be designed to produce more just outcomes.

**Prerequisite(s): POLS 236 and 237; or PHIL 262.**

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**POLS 337.3 — 1/2(3L)****Canadian Ideologies and the Pursuit of the Common Good**

This course will examine all of the major ideological currents in Canada such as Toryism, conservatism, liberalism, social democracy, feminism, environmentalism, English Canadian nationalism, Québécois nationalism, and Indigenous nationalism. Focusing on the various political parties and actors that represent these traditions, the course will further explore how these conflicting ideologies purport to pursue the common good.

**Prerequisite(s):** POLS 236 and 237 (formerly POLS 235); or PHIL 262.

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**POLS 343.3 — 1/2(3L)****Ukraine Processes and Problems of Nation and State Building**

This course examines the historical as well as contemporary political, social and cultural processes that have shaped Ukraine's national identity while exploring their impact on current state-building efforts.

**Prerequisite(s):** 6 credit units 100-level POLS.

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**POLS 349.3 — 1(3L)****Politics of Canadian Diversity**

Provides an analysis of the factors that affect diversity and diversity management in Canada. Special attention is devoted to issues and options related to various diversity management policies and programs such as immigration, multiculturalism and interculturalism, anti-racism, human rights, and employment equity. It also examines Canadian diversity management issues and options within the context of various nation-building projects and rights regimes espoused by governments and groups in Canada.

**Prerequisite(s):** 6 credit units 100-level POLS.

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**POLS 362.3 — 1/2(3L)****Global Political Economy**

This course will introduce students to the foundations and theory of political economy including Classicism, Neo-Classicism, Marxism, Keynesianism, and Neoliberalism. The course will further introduce students to the concept of globalization, exploring how recent shifts in the global political economy have challenged the legitimacy of liberal democratic states.

**Prerequisite(s):** 12 credit units POLS or 60 credit units at university level.

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**POLS 370.3 — 1(3L)****War and Diplomacy in the International System**

Seeks to identify and assess those issues that historically have generated conflict and examines the various political and diplomatic efforts that followed epochal wars to create international orders and mechanisms that would manage, control or prevent future international conflicts.

**Prerequisite(s):** 6 credit units 100-level POLS.

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**POLS 372.3 — 2(3L)****Peacebuilding and Political Reconciliation**

This course examines various approaches to peace-building in the aftermath of conflict, focusing on the restorative role of political reconciliation.

**Prerequisite(s):** 6 credit units 100-level POLS.

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**POLS 375.3 — 1/2(3L)****Canadian Foreign Policy in the Global Era**

Introduction to Canada's role in the world, studying the factors that continue to shape Canada's position on global issues and the processes by which Canadian foreign policy is made.

**Prerequisite(s):** 6 credit units 100-level POLS.

**Note:** Students with credit for POLS 365 may not take this course for credit.

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**POLS 403.3 — 1/2(3S)****Advanced Topics in Public Law and Public Policy**

Students will be introduced to theories of law, politics and justice in modern Canadian society. In addition to examining judicial decision-making, the course will also question how law influences administrative actors with regards to such policy fields as labour, immigration, health, multiculturalism, the environment and aboriginal rights.

**Prerequisite(s):** 60 credit units at the university level including 6 credit units 100-level POLS.

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**POLS 404.3 — 1/2(3S)****Canadian Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations**

An examination of Canadian federalism that deals with enduring and contemporary issues such as the constitutional division of powers, intergovernmental relations, fiscal federalism, the federal spending power, regionalism, the role of Quebec in the federal system, and constitutional change. Permission of the department required.

**Prerequisite(s):** 6 credit units 100-level POLS.

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