

Canadian National Government and Politics(PO3200)

1996-1997 MWF 10:00-10:50

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The Course

This course introduces students to the structure and process of Canadian Government. By the end of the course students will appreciate the current stresses and strains in Canada's political system, and will obtain the building blocks to converse about Canadian politics in a knowledgeable manner.

Texts

Whittington and VanLoon(WV) **Canadian Government and Politics(1996)**

Fox:**Politics Canada (8th ed.)**

Young **The Secession of Quebec and the Future of Canada**

Gibson **Thirty Million Musketeers**

Grading

15% First term paper

10% Participation

20% Christmas Exam

15% Second term paper

10% Participation

30% Final Exam

Readings

Additional readings will be assigned and some of the following readings may be revised.

1. Review of Introductory Politics and Introduction to Canadian Government

WV-1-2; F-pp5-14

2. The Economic, Cultural and Social Environment

WV-3-4; F-pp40-54; Horowitz(handout)

3. House of Commons and Senate

WV-18-19; F-pp460-523

4. Executive

WV-20-21; F-pp419-456

5. Bureaucracy

WV-22-23; F-pp527-576

6. Judiciary

WV-24; F-pp588-594

7. Political Parties and Elections

WV -12-15; F-272-412

8. Interest Groups

WV- 16-17; F-pp231-266

9. The Constitution
WV -5-6; F-pp66-123

10. The Charter
WV-7; F-595-606

11. Federalism
WV-8,10,11; F-pp131-148,155-182

12. Quebec
WV-9; F-pp198-224; Young **The Secession of Quebec and the Future of
Canada**

13. The West

Gibson **Thirty Million Musketeers**