

Political Science 3240: Topics in Canadian Politics

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Course Description:

This course has two purposes: first, to introduce students to the dynamics of the "Klein Revolution" and the consequent political changes adopted in Alberta over the past few years and, second, to explore contemporary federal-provincial issues which cause political alienation in the West and Alberta.

Prerequisite: P.O. 3200 or equivalent or permission of the instructor.

Readings:

Gaebler and Osborne: Reinventing Government(GO)

Gibbons and Arrison: Western Vision-Perspectives on the West in Canada(GA)

Harrison and Laxer: Alberta and the Future of Canada(HL)

Lisac: The Klein Revolution(L)

Courchene, unpublished paper prepared for the Government of Ontario; ACCESS(A Convention on the Canadian Economic and Social Systems)

Grading:

Midterm: 20%
Paper: 25%
Participation: 25%
Final: 30%

Course Outline:

1. Review of Canadian and Alberta Politics
2. Reinventing Government--(GO) preface-p. 165
3. Reinventing Government--(GO)pp 166-359
4. The Klein Revolution--(L)- pp. 1-110
5. The Klein Revolution-- (L)- pp.111-240
6. Politics in Alberta--(HL)-pp. xi-83
7. Ideology and Economics--(HL)-pp.86-191

8. Sectors and People--(HL)-pp.195-328
9. Western Visions--(CA)-pp.1-81
10. Western Visions--(GL)-pp.85-150
11. Courchene Paper and Conclusions