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UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
FACULTY OF ARTS

POLITICAL SCIENCE 426-L01 FEDERALISM

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LECTURE LOCATION	SH 278
LECTURE TIME	M, W, & F: 11:00-11:50 Hrs
PREREQUISITE	Political Science 321

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

This course is designed to introduce students to the theoretical and empirical study of federalism and its operation in Canada and elsewhere. This includes topics such as the origins of federalism, varieties of federalism, federalism and constitutionalism, intergovernmental relations or executive federalism, fiscal federalism, federalism and society, and public policy making in federal states. By the end of the course students should

- be familiar with various theoretical approaches to understanding federalism;
- understand how federal systems operate; and
- be able to compare the operation of federalism across federal states.

The course schedule outlining topics is below. While departures will occasionally occur, the lectures will generally follow that schedule. The course text is available in the University of Calgary Bookstore, while other readings may be found in the University of Calgary Library or via its on-line journal search engines. Lists of supplementary materials can be found in the footnotes and endnotes for each chapter of the text.

ASSESSMENT

You must complete all assessment components to receive a passing grade in this course.

Grading

A+= 90-100 = 4.00	B+ = 77-79 = 3.30	C+ = 67-69 = 2.30	D+ = 55-59 = 1.30
A = 85-89 = 4.00	B = 74-76 = 3.00	C = 64-66 = 2.00	D = 50-54 = 1.00
A- = 80-84 = 3.70	B- = 70-73 = 2.70	C- = 60-63 = 1.70	F = 0- 49 = 0.00

1. In-Class Quizzes (30% of final grade)

There will be three 20 minutes closed book in-class quizzes. The best two of your quiz scores will count toward your final grade. The first quiz makes use of the material covered from the beginning of the course while subsequent quizzes make use of material covered after the previous quiz. A first missed quiz will receive a grade of 0. For a second or third missed quiz, a make-up opportunity will only be offered in cases where appropriate documentation excusing the absence is made available to the instructor. **Quiz 1, February 2nd; Quiz 2, March 2nd; Quiz 3, March 26th, 2017.**

Students who are absent from a second or third scheduled quiz for legitimate reasons (e.g. illness with the appropriate documentation) are responsible for contacting the instructor via email within 48 hours of the missed test to discuss alternative arrangements. A copy of this email may be requested as proof of the attempt to contact the instructor. Any student who fails to do so forfeits the right to a makeup test.

2. Research Essay (30%)

You will complete a 3000-word (excluding notes and bibliography) research essay using the APA reference style (see https://ucalgary.ca/ssc/files/ssc/wss_apa_2014.pdf). **The essay is due in the course Dropbox in D2L by 21:00 Hrs, Monday, March 19th, 2017.** Essays submitted after this time will not receive detailed grading comments. **Essays received at 21:01 Hrs or later on Thursday, March 22nd, 2017 will incur a grade penalty of 3% per day as of 21:01 Hrs each day.** Essay topics and a guide will be available on the course website on D2L.

Requests for extensions due to illness or similar reasons *must be made to the Instructor before the due date and must be supported by suitable documentation, such as a note from a physician in the case of ill-health. Always keep an electronic backup copy of your paper to ensure against loss or other difficulties.*

Academic Journals and Databases for Essays

Relevant journal articles are a most impressive addition to any research paper. Making use of the electronic database search engines – such as Web of Science or International Political Science Abstracts – found on the University of Calgary Library website should furnish a range of valuable articles. The Political Science page is <http://libguides.ucalgary.ca/az.php?s=52647>

The following journals may be particularly useful:

Canadian Journal of Political Science	Canadian Political Science Review
Canadian Public Policy	Canadian Public Administration
Policy Options	Publius (Journal of Federalism)
The Journal of Canadian Studies	The American Review of Canadian Studies
Regional Studies	Regional and Federal Studies

3. Final Examination (40% of final grade)

There will be a take-home, 2-hour, open book, final examination made available via D2L **Friday, April 13th, 2018 at 17:00hrs** to be submitted by **Wednesday, April 18th, 2018 at 19:00 Hrs** via D2L. Details will be available on D2L. The exam will address material covered in class including lectures, discussions, and the various readings from the entire term. **Late exams cannot be accepted.**

Please do not make any travel arrangements for this period as all students must adhere to a common timeline for receiving and submitting the final exam. Details will be made available on D2L.

COURSE RESOURCES

Course Textbooks and Readings

Thomas O. Heuglin and Alan Fenna, *Comparative Federalism: A Systematic Inquiry*, 2nd edition, Broadview Press: Peterborough Ontario, 2015. (H&F)

The text may be purchased in hard copy or electronic form. Check to see if the books are available from closed reserve or electronically via the Library. The reading list as well as materials of interest that come out of our discussions will be available via the course website <https://d2l.ucalgary.ca/d2l/home>

Course Website

There is a course D2L site at <https://d2l.ucalgary.ca/d2l/home>. The course discussion board allows you to discuss issues relating to Political Science 426 with other students and the instructor. D2L will also be used for announcements and to facilitate communication among students and between students and the instructor. Additional information on various aspects of the course may be placed on the website.

Web Sites and the University of Calgary Library

Whereas most books and journal articles available through the University of Calgary library will have passed several rigorous tests of their scholarship and veracity, this is not the case for websites, which can be published with little or no checking of their content. While many websites offer useful and trustworthy information, you should not accept at face value everything you read or see on the net.

The University of Calgary Library offers many resources that can help you understand the politics of industrialized states and complete superior essays. The Political Science Librarian, Mr. John Wright (jpwright@ucalgary.ca; Telephone: 403.220.5955), can assist you in finding your way around the various resources available in the library. Conducting a simple subject search using 'Federalism', 'Federal States', 'Canadian politics', 'Canadian Provinces', 'Canadian Constitution', 'Federal government Canada' or individual topics such as parliament, constitutions, and so forth should produce a list of resources for essay writing.

Writing Statement

Written assignments are required in Political Science 426, and the quality of writing skills, including but not limited to such elements as grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, clarity, citation, and organization, will be considered in the determination of grades. Students are encouraged to make use of the services offered through Writing Support Services in the Student Success Centre at https://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/writing_support/overview, located on the third floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.

LECTURE OUTLINE & READINGS

The list of required and additional readings for each topic will be available on D2L. Please review the assigned readings, as we will be discussing them in class. Lectures, the text and assigned readings as well as class discussions will inform the questions asked in the in-class quiz.

WEEK OF	TOPIC
January 8	Introduction to Federalism
January 15	Theories of Federalism
January 22	Federal Systems and Constituent Units
January 29	Constitutions and The Division of Powers Quiz 1, February 2nd
February 5	Upper Houses in Federal States
February 12	Intergovernmental Relations
February 19	READING WEEK 18-25 February. No Lectures. University open. Family Day, 19 th : University closed except libraries.
February 26	Constitutions and Judicial Review Quiz 2, March 2nd
March 5	Federalism and Political Parties
March 12	Fiscal Federalism
March 19	Canadian Federalism Essay due March 19th
March 26	Federalism and Public Policy Quiz 3, March 26th
April 2	Federalism, Diversity, and Representation
April 9	Federalism: An Overview

POLICIES AND INFORMATION**Lecture Etiquette**

Students are welcome to use laptops and other electronic note-taking devices in this course. Please be considerate of others and switch off all cellphones when you enter the classroom. Sending/receiving texts and browsing sound-enabled websites may disrupt others and will not be tolerated.

Recording of Lectures

Recording of lectures is permitted for individual private study for those who have requested relevant academic accommodation and for others at the discretion of the instructor. Please contact the instructor before recording any lectures. Any other use of recording constitutes academic misconduct and may result in suspension or expulsion.

Contacting the Instructor

Given the limitations of email, students requiring assistance are encouraged to speak to their instructor during class or their office hours. Should you wish to meet with the instructor, please telephone or email to make an appointment. It is to the student's advantage to keep such appointments and to be courteous in all forms of communication.

Counselling and Student Development Centre

The Counselling Centre offers services in three major areas; personal counselling, career development and academic success. Should you require assistance, please phone 403.220.5893 or review the website at: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/counselling/>

Absence from a Quiz

Students who are absent from a scheduled term test or quiz for legitimate reasons (e.g. illness with the appropriate confirming documentation or religious conviction) are responsible for contacting the instructor via email within 48 hours of the missed test to discuss alternative arrangements. A copy of this email may be requested as proof of the attempt to contact the instructor. Any student who fails to do so forfeits the right to a makeup test.

Deferral of a Final Examination

Deferral of a final examination can be granted for reasons of illness, domestic affliction, religious conviction, to those with three (3) scheduled final exams within a 24-hour period, and for unforeseen circumstances. Deferred final exams will not be granted to those who sit the exam, who have made travel arrangements that conflict with their exam, or who have misread the examination timetable. The decision to allow a deferred final exam in the Faculty of Arts rests not with the instructor but with Enrolment Services. Instructors should, however, be notified of any absences due to unforeseen circumstances. The Application for Deferred Final Exam, deadlines, requirements and submission instructions can be found on the Enrolment Services website at <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred-exams>

Appeals

If a student has a concern about the course or a grade they have been assigned, they must first discuss their concerns with the instructor. If this does not resolve the matter, the student can then proceed with an academic appeal. The first step in an academic appeal is to set up a meeting with the Department Head.

University Regulations

Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the University policies found in the *Academic Regulations* sections of the *University of Calgary Calendar* at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/academic-regs.html>.

Student Accommodations

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit www.ucalgary.ca/access/.

Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.

The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf>.

Plagiarism and Other Forms of Academic Misconduct

Academic misconduct in any form (e.g. cheating, plagiarism) is a serious academic offence that can lead to disciplinary probation, suspension or expulsion from the University. Students are expected to be familiar with the standards surrounding academic honesty; these can be found in the University of Calgary calendar at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-5.html>. Such offences will be taken seriously and reported immediately, as required by Faculty of Arts policy.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP)

FOIP legislation requires that instructors maintain the confidentiality of student information. In practice, this means that student assignment and tests cannot be left for collection in any public place without the consent of the student. It also means that grades cannot be distributed via email. Final exams are kept by instructors but can be viewed by contacting them or the main office in the Department of Political Science. Any uncollected assignments and tests will be destroyed after three months; final examinations are destroyed after one year.

Evacuation Assembly Points

In the event of an emergency evacuation from class, students are required to gather in designated assembly points. Please check <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints> and note the assembly point nearest to your classroom.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

For program planning and advice, visit the Arts Students' Centre in Social Sciences 102, call 403-220-3580 or email artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit arts.ucalgary.ca/advising for program assistance.

For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit their office in the MacKimmie Library Block.

Important Contact Information

Campus Security and Safewalk (24 hours a day/7 day a week/365 days a year)

Phone: 403-220-5333

Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Students' Union Representatives

Phone: 403-220-6551

Email: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca

Students' Union URL: www.su.ucalgary.ca

Graduate Students' Association

Phone: 403-220-5997

Email: ask@gsa.ucalgary.ca

URL: www.ucalgary.ca/gsa

Student Ombudsman

Phone: 403-220-6420

Email: ombuds@ucalgary.ca