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**UNIVERSITY OF  
CALGARY**

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE  
FACULTY OF ARTS**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE 463-L01  
POLITICS OF POST-INDUSTRIAL STATES**

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| <b>OFFICE HOURS</b>     | Monday & Wednesday 15:00-16:00Hrs                            |
| <b>WEBSITE</b>          | <a href="http://d2l.ucalgary.ca">http://d2l.ucalgary.ca</a>  |
| <b>LECTURE LOCATION</b> | <b>KNB 131</b>   |
| <b>LECTURE TIME</b>     | M, W, & F: 14:00-14:50 Hrs                                   |
| <b>PREREQUISITE</b>     | Political Science 359  |

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES**

This is a lecture course that explores the character of representative politics in a number of post industrial democracies. We are particularly interested in trying to understand the apparent decline in support for formal political institutions evident in many of these countries. To do so, we consider stability and change in the attitudes of voters, the operation of political institutions, and how these factors interact.

The course schedule outlining weekly topics is below. While departures will occasionally occur, the lectures will generally follow that schedule. The assigned reading is from the texts available at the University of Calgary Bookstore and journal articles available from the University of Calgary Library. Supplementary materials can be found in the footnotes and endnotes for each chapter of the text.

After completing the course, students will:

- Understand critical features of democracy in post-industrial states;
- Have developed a sophisticated understanding of important institutional elements of democracy as well as key concepts such as representation, accountability and responsiveness;
- Have engaged in comparative political research using a range of methodological approaches and resources;
- Have honed their research and essay writing skills.

**ASSESSMENT****Grading**

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| 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. Quizzes 30%**

There will be three 'closed book' in-class quizzes. Only the grades of the best two will count toward your final grade. Students will have 15 minutes to complete the quiz. A missed quiz will be treated as the quiz score to be dropped. Subsequent missed quizzes may be retaken if appropriate documentation excusing the absence is made available to the instructor. Please confirm a score has been recorded for each quiz you sit once the instructor indicates that the results have been posted.

The quizzes test students' knowledge of the course material covered in the assigned readings as well as the lectures and discussions. The first quiz covers material up until the previous lecture. Subsequent quizzes cover classes from the last quiz to the lecture preceding the quiz.

Quizzes (2 x 15% - lowest quiz grade omitted)

Quiz 1 Friday, February 2

Quiz 2 Friday, March 2

Quiz 3 Monday, March 26

**2. Research essay (30% of final grade)**

You will complete a 3000-word (excluding notes and bibliography) research essay using the APA reference style ([https://ucalgary.ca/ssc/files/ssc/wss\\_apa\\_2014.pdf](https://ucalgary.ca/ssc/files/ssc/wss_apa_2014.pdf)). The essay is due in the course D2L Dropbox by **21:00 Hrs, Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**. Essays received after **21:00 Hrs, Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018** will incur a grade penalty of 3% for each day they are late, beginning at **21:01 Hrs, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. Essay Topics and instructions will be made available on the course website under 'Assignments.'

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.*

**3. Final Exam (40% of final grade)**

There will be a take-home, 2-hour, open book, final examination made available via D2L **Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 17:00hrs** to be submitted by **Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 Textbook**

Russell J. Dalton and Christopher J. Anderson. 2010. *Citizens, Context, and Choice: How Context Shapes Citizens' Electoral Choices* (New York: Oxford University Press). ISBN: 13: 9780199599233

The text may be purchased in hard copy or electronic form. Check to see if the book is available electronically via the Library.

**Course Website**

There is a course D2L site at <https://d2l.ucalgary.ca/d2l/home>. D2L will also be used for announcements and to facilitate communication among students and between students and the instructor/s and submission of assignments. Additional information on various aspects of the course may be placed on the website.

**University of Calgary Library**

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](mailto:jpwright@ucalgary.ca); Telephone: 403.220.5955), can assist you in finding your way around the various resources available in the library. A simple subject search using 'comparative politics', 'elections', 'political parties', 'representation' or of a country in which you are interested will produce a list of valuable resources.

**Academic Journals**

Relevant journal articles are a most impressive addition to any research paper. Electronic access to many key Political Science journals is available through the University of Calgary Library's main page.

**Web Sites**

Whereas most books and journal articles available through the University of Calgary library will have passed many 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.

**Writing**

Written assignments are often required in Political Science courses. The quality of writing, including but not limited to such elements as grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, clarity and organization, will all be considered in assigning a grade to submitted work. 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](https://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/writing_support/overview), located on the third floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.

**LECTURE OUTLINE**

Required weekly readings as well as discussion questions we will be covering in class are available from the course website. 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 quizzes.

| WEEK OF     | TOPIC  |
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| January 8   | Studying Representative Democracies  |
| January 15  | Linking Citizens to Government: Movements, Interest Groups, Political Parties  |
| January 22  | Proportional and Majoritarian Solutions to Representation  |
| January 29  | Citizens, Context, and Choice: The Representational Challenge<br><b>First in-class quiz, February 2.</b>   |
| February 5  | The Influence of Party and Electoral Systems on Campaign Engagement  |
| February 12 | The Role of Party Policy Positions in the Operation of Democracy   |
| February 19 | READING WEEK 18-25 February. No Lectures. University open.<br>Family Day, 19 <sup>th</sup> : University closed except libraries.                                 |
| February 26 | Left-Right Orientations, Context, and Voting Choices<br><b>Second in-class quiz, March 2.</b>  |
| March 5     | Follow the Party or Follow the Leader? Candidate Evaluations, Party Evaluations and Macro-Political Context  |
| March 12    | Context, Political Information, and Performance Voting   |
| March 19    | Strategic Defection Across Elections, Parties, and Voters<br><b>Research essay due, Friday March 23.</b>   |
| March 26    | Party Polarization and the Ideological Congruence of Governments<br><b>Third in-class quiz, March 26. Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, University closed.</b> |
| April 2     | Electoral Supply, Median Voters, and Feelings of Representation in Democracies   |
| April 9     | Nested Voters: Citizen Choices Embedded in Political Contexts<br><b>Two-hour, take-home exam available April 13, due April 18.</b>                               |

## 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/](http://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](mailto:artsads@ucalgary.ca). You can also visit [arts.ucalgary.ca/advising](http://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 days 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](mailto:arts1@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts2@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts2@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts3@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts3@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts4@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts4@su.ucalgary.ca)  
Students' Union URL: [www.su.ucalgary.ca](http://www.su.ucalgary.ca)

Graduate Students' Association  
Phone: 403-220-5997  
Email: [ask@gsa.ucalgary.ca](mailto:ask@gsa.ucalgary.ca)  
URL: [www.ucalgary.ca/gsa](http://www.ucalgary.ca/gsa)

Student Ombudsman  
Phone: 403-220-6420  
Email: [ombuds@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ombuds@ucalgary.ca)