Canadian Politics  Field of Study Exam Instructions & Reading List

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*instructions for the Canadian Field of study Examination*

**I. Structure of Canadian politics FoS examination**
The Canadian Politics FoS examination has three sections. Each section will have a number of questions that the student may choose from. Students will be expected to answer one question per section in a three-hour period.

**Section 1. Canadian Political Institutions:** Section 1 covers political institutions, federalism, and the constitution.

**Section 2. Canadian Political Process:** Section 2 covers political culture, parties and elections, interest groups, social movements and political behaviour.

**Section 3. Student’s Specialization in Canadian Politics:** For Section 3, sub-fields include, but are not restricted to: Gender and Politics, Indigenous Politics, Multilevel Governance, City Politics, Political Parties, Electoral Politics. The Supervisor will be responsible for drafting a reading list in the particular sub-field if one does not exist.

**II. Recommended Preparatory Course Work**
As preparation for the Canadian Politics FoS examination, the Canadian Politics Field Caucus recommends the following courses:

**POLI 621:** The content of Section 1 (Canadian Political Institutions) will be roughly related to the content of POLI 621.

**POLI 623:** The content of Section 2 (Canadian Political Process) will be roughly related to the content of POLI 623.

**III. Additional instructions for the Canadian Politics FoS Examination**
None.
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I. SECTION 1: INSTITUTIONS

A. Methods and Disciplinary Reflections
   Turgeon et al, eds. Comparing Canada: Methods and Perspectives on Canadian Politics.
   White et al, eds. The Comparative Turn in Canadian Political Science. Vancouver: UBC Press,
2008. Chapters 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 12 and the conclusion.

A. B. Constitutional Development
Ajzenstat, Janet, Paul Romney, Ian Gentiles, and William D. Gairdner, eds., Canada’s Founding Debates. Toronto: Stoddart, 1999 (since reissued by the University of Toronto Press).
Re: Resolution to amend the Constitution, [1981] 1 SCR 753.

A. C. Prime Ministers, Cabinets, and the Executive
Lewis, J.P. “Elite Attitudes on the Centralization of Power in Canadian Political Executives.”


A. D. Legislatures and Legislators


A. E. Federalism


**Note:** It is worthwhile reviewing some of the executive summaries or equivalents of various major attempts to reconcile federalism and the complex ethno-linguistic character of Canada. These include: The Rowell/Sirois Report, 1940 (Book I in particular); The Tremblay Royal Commission (1953); Report on Bilingualism and Biculturalism (1963); Task Force on Canadian Unity (1978); Meech Lake Accord (1987); Charlottetown Accord (1992); Act Respecting the Future of Quebec (1995); Calgary Accord (1997); Clarity Act (1998); Quebec Act (1999).

**A. F. Indigenous Politics and the Canadian State**
*Daniels v. Canada (Indian Affairs and Northern Development)*. 2016 SCR 99.

**A. G. Political Economy, State, and Society**


A. H. Public Policy and Canadian Institutions


Harrison, Katherine. Racing to the Bottom? Provincial Interdependence in the Canadian Federation. Vancouver: UBC Press, 2006. (Chapters 1, 4, 7, 9)

A. I. Judiciary and the Charter


II. Section 2: POLITICAL PROCESS

A. Classics
Lord Durham’s Report on the Affairs of British North America


Porter, John. The Vertical Mosaic: An Analysis of Social Class and Power in Canada. Toronto:
University of Toronto Press, 1965.

**A. B. Political Culture and Ideology**


**A. C. Parties and Interest Groups**


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**A. D. Elections and Political Behaviour**


Gidengil et al. *Dominance and Decline.* Toronto: University of Toronto Press.


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**A. E. Gender**


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**A. Regionalism and Quebec**


Gagnon, Alain-G and Raffaele Iacovino, *Federalism, Citizenship and Quebec: Debating Multiculturalism*


McRoberts, Kenneth. *Misconceiving Canada: The Struggle for National Unity*


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**A. G. Multiculturalism, Race, and Ethnicity**


III. Section 3: ADDITIONAL AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Note: The third section of the exam will relate to the student’s particular area of specialization within the field of Canadian politics. Where lists already exist in a subfield they are reproduced here. If they do not exist, it is the responsibility of the supervisor to develop a list.