1 Course Description

This course examines political parties and party systems in Canada and other Western democratic countries. The key themes of the course are the institutional and behavioural aspects of parties, the interplay of inter and intra-party politics, and the nature and dynamics of party systems.

2 Course Codes and Passwords

Twitter
@cochrane_utsc

Turnitin
course id: 11444914
password: Canada

3 Assessment

3.1 Schedule and Weighting

Seminar classes depend on attendance and participation from all students. As such, attendance and participation are required components of this class. Three assignments, worth 30% each, are to be written about the assigned readings for the corresponding part of the course. These assignments are due by Monday, at midnight, before the scheduled class, and they are not to exceed 10 pages in length.

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3.2 Participation

The participation component of your grade is based on the quality of your contributions to in-class discussion. By the time of your class, you are expected to be sufficiently familiar with the readings and the key concepts to participate in the class discussion.

3.2.1 Essay Late Penalties

The essay assignments are due before the seminar by Monday, at midnight. The late penalty is 5% of the assignment value for each day, or part thereof, that the work is late (including weekends).
3.2.2 Extensions

Students may take a combined maximum of 7 days of undocumented extension, provided that they notify me, prior to the assignment due date, that their work will be late. This is an ‘honour system.’ I do not require a letter from a doctor to substantiate an illness.

3.2.3 Extensions Requiring Documentation

Students who require more than 7 days worth of extension over the course of the semester will be expected to meet with me and to prepare a plan for the submission of all outstanding course work.

3.2.4 Statement on Academic Integrity

Students who work hard and play by the rules will not come out of this course with a lower grade than someone who cheats. As the University Handbook on Student Rights and Responsibilities points out:

Honesty and fairness are considered fundamental values shared by students, staff and faculty at the University of Toronto. The University’s policies and procedures that deal with cases of cheating, plagiarism and other forms of academic misconduct, are designed to protect the integrity of the institution and to maintain a community where competition is fair. As a result, U of T treats cases of academic misconduct very seriously. If it has been alleged that you committed an academic offense, you will find that the allegation is dealt with formally and seriously, and that the penalties can be severe if it is determined that you did cheat. All of the policies and procedures surrounding academic offenses are dealt within one policy: The Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters (the 'Code'). This booklet on Academic Integrity is intended to supplement the Code, but not to take its place as the official document on these matters. Nor does this booklet take the place of legal counsel. The full text of the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters can be found in your Faculty Calendar or online at www.utoronto.ca/govcncl/pap/policies/behaveac.html.... Ignorance of the rules does not excuse cheating or plagiarism.

All instances of academic misconduct will be forwarded to the University for further review and discipline. For more information, please visit the website of the Center for Teaching Support and Innovation at the University of Toronto: Academic Integrity at the University of Toronto. If you have any questions about what constitutes plagiarism, please do not hesitate to ask me.

3.2.5 Statement on the Use of Turnitin

To deter and detect academic misconduct, and to protect the integrity of the grades for the vast majority of students who are honest and careful, this course uses, among other things, turnitin.com, a tool which facilitates an analysis of textual similarities between sources. Thus, students agree that by taking this course all required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to Turnitin.com for the detection of plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such papers. The terms that apply to the University’s use of the Turnitin.com service are described on the Turnitin.com web site.

4 Texts and Materials

• NOTE: Many books for this course are available online, through the university website, or via Google Books. Here is a list that I recommend that you purchase, though there are others that you may wish to purchase for future reference.


5 Class Schedule

*Class Attendance:* In the event that you have to miss a class, please use the discussion board on the class website to catchup. I encourage you to use this board whenever you have a question, and to monitor this board regularly for an opportunity to answer the questions of others.

5.1 January 12: Introduction

5.1.1 Readings

• POL2012/490H1S Course Syllabus.

5.2 January 19: Issues in Party Politics

5.2.1 Readings


5.3 January 26: CLASS CANCELLED

5.3.1 Readings

• NO READINGS

Part I

Behavioural Foundations

5.4 February 2: Bias and Intuition

5.4.1 Readings


5.5 February 9: Morality

5.5.1 Readings


5.6 February 16: READING WEEK

5.6.1 Readings

• NO READINGS
5.7 February 23: Personality and Genetics

5.7.1 Readings


Part II

Social Context

5.8 March 1: The Social Context

5.8.1 Readings


5.9 March 8: Parties in Context

5.9.1 Readings


5.10 March 15: Internal Party Politics

5.10.1 Readings

• Aldrich, John R. Why Parties? A Second Look. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press. [Chapters 2 and 6].


**Part III**

**Parties and Party Systems**

5.11 March 22: Parties as Organizations

5.11.1 Readings


5.12 March 29: Parties in Party Systems

5.12.1 Readings


5.13 April 5: Parties and Government

5.13.1 Readings


5.14 April 12 (OPTIONAL): Party System Dynamics

5.14.1 Readings


