

**UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL STUDIES**  
**TERM: FALL AND WINTER 2013-2014**

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**COURSE #:** POLS 2070    **SEC:** A01    **CRN:** 10635/20579    **CREDIT HOURS:** 6

**COURSE TITLE:** Introduction to Canadian Government

**PROFESSOR:** Royce Koop

**FORMAT:** Lecture

**OFFICE:** Fletcher Argue 523

**LOCATION OF CLASS:** TBA

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**TIME OF CLASS:** TT 10:00-11:15

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**COURSE CONTENT AND DESCRIPTION:**

Everyone thinks they know about Canadian politics. How much do you know? How are governments formed in Canada? How do governments actually function, and how can we keep an eye on them? Do courts protect our rights; if so, how? Who is responsible for post-secondary education in Canada? Is it tougher for women in politics? And how can people like you change what happens in Ottawa?

This course explores some of Canada's most pressing and interesting political issues and challenges. The goal of the course is to build understanding of the principles, institutions, and actors of Canada's political system, and in so doing introduce you to the debates that dominate our politics. Current events will be employed as examples and as a basis for class discussions and debates. In tutorials we will work together to improve your writing, research, and presentation skills. While a crucial foundation for future studies in Canadian politics and public policy, POLS 2070 is also suitable for students in all disciplines who have an interest in Canadian politics and who wish to develop an understanding of Canadian government.

**Assignments and Grading**

Attendance/participation	25%
Two presentations (one per term)	20%
Two short papers (one per term)	20%
Term one test	15%
Term two test	20%

**Grading Scale**

A+	90-100
A	80-89
B+	75-79
B	70-74
C+	65-69
C	60-64
D	50-59
F	0-49

**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

Malcolmson, Patrick, and Richard Myers. 2012. *The Canadian Regime: An Introduction to Parliamentary Government in Canada*. 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. Toronto: University of Toronto Press (Higher Education Division).

Charlston, Mark, and Paul Barker. 2012. *Crosscurrents: Contemporary Political Issues*. 7<sup>th</sup> Edition. Toronto: Nelson Canada.

Strunk, William, and E.B. White. 2000. *The Elements of Style*. 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. London: Allyn & Bacon. Available online at: <http://www.bartleby.com/141/>

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