POLI 1060
Political Worlds: Themes and Concepts
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Course Synopsis
This is an introduction to political science. No previous knowledge of politics of any sort is required. We begin by exploring the theory and practice of some of the most fundamental and important concepts in political science – power, authority and legitimacy. It is essential to master these before moving on to new material, as each of the paradigms and theories that we discuss throughout the term approaches these concepts in its own unique way. Next, we turn our attention to the major institutions and actors in the political world, such as political parties, advocacy groups, citizens, prime ministers and presidents. We discuss how parliamentary and presidential systems differ in terms of how politics is practiced and how policies are made. We discuss the various methods of voting used around the world. We end the course with several chapters on global politics and development.

Organization
We meet as a class for lectures and discussion on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The best way to retain material is through interaction, so I encourage you to get involved in class. Ask questions. Take ownership of your education and be sure that you understand the concepts and arguments presented in lectures, discussions and readings. Always be mindful and respectful of diverse viewpoints.

Assignments and Grading
3 tests at 20% each: 60%
Introductory assignment: 10%
Final Exam (date determined by registrar): 30%

Required Reading
Maclean, George A. And Duncan Wood. 2014. *Politics: An Introduction* (Second Edition). Don Mills, Ontario: Oxford University Press.

UNIVERSITY STATEMENTS

Academic Integrity

At Dalhousie University, we are guided in all of our work by the values of academic integrity: honesty, trust, fairness, responsibility and respect (The Center for Academic Integrity, Duke University, 1999). As a student, you are required to demonstrate these values in all of the work you do. The University provides policies and procedures that every member of the university community is required to follow to ensure academic integrity.

Accessibility

The Advising and Access Services Centre is Dalhousie's centre of expertise for student accessibility and accommodation. The advising team works with students who request accommodation as a result of: a disability, religious obligation, or any barrier related to any other characteristic protected under Human Rights legislation (NS, NB, PEI, NFLD).

Student Code of Conduct

Everyone at Dalhousie is expected to treat others with dignity and respect. The Code of Student Conduct allows Dalhousie to take disciplinary action if students don't follow this community expectation. When appropriate, violations of the code can be resolved in a reasonable and informal manner—perhaps through a restorative justice process. If an informal resolution can't be reached, or would be inappropriate, procedures exist for formal dispute resolution.

Diversity and Inclusion – Culture of Respect

Every person at Dalhousie has a right to be respected and safe. We believe inclusiveness is fundamental to education. We stand for equality. Dalhousie is strengthened in our diversity. We are a respectful and inclusive community. We are committed to being a place where everyone feels welcome and supported, which is why our Strategic Direction prioritizes fostering a culture of diversity and inclusiveness (Strategic Priority 5.2).

Recognition of Mi'kmaq Territory

Dalhousie University would like to acknowledge that the University is on Traditional Mi'kmaq Territory. The Elders in Residence program provides students with access to First Nations elders for guidance, counsel and support. Visit the office in the McCain Building (room 3037) or contact the programs at elders@dal.ca or 902-494-6803 (leave a message).

Student Absence Declaration

Please see: https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/safety-respect/student-rights-and-responsibilities/academic-policies/student-absence.html

University Policies and Programs
- Important Dates in the Academic Year (including add/drop dates)

http://www.dal.ca/academics/important_dates.html
- University Grading Practices: Statement of Principles and Procedures

https://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/policies/academic/grading-practices-policy.html
- Scent-Free Program

https://www.dal.ca/dept/safety/programs-services/occupational-safety/scent-free.html

Learning and Support Resources
- General Academic Support - Academic Advising:

https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/advising.html

- Copyright and Fair Dealing: https://libraries.dal.ca/services/copyright-office/fair-dealing/fair-dealing-guidelines.html

- Libraries: http://libraries.dal.ca

- Student Health Services: https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/health-and-wellness/health-services.html

- Counselling and Psychological Services: https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/health-and-wellness/counselling.html

- Black Student Advising: https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/communities/black-student-advising.html

- Aboriginal Student Centre: https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/communities/native.html

- ELearning Website: https://www.dal.ca/dept/elearning.html

- Student Advocacy Services: https://www.dsu.ca/services/community-student-services/student-advocacy-service

- Dalhousie Ombudsperson: https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/safety-respect/student-rights-and-responsibilities/where-to-get-help/ombudsperson.html

- Writing Centre: https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/writing-and-study-skills.html

- Studying for Success program and tutoring: https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/study-skills-and-tutoring.html

Topics and Readings
September 4, 6: Chapters 1 and 2 (Studying Politics and Finding a Common Vocabulary)
September 11, 13: Chapter 3 (Political Thought, Philosophy and Ideology)
September 18: Chapter 4 (The Role of Government)
September 20: Guest speaker

September 25: Introductory assignment exercise
September 27: Chapter 5 (Branches of Government)
October 2: Review of Chapters 1-5
October 4: Test #1
October 9: No class (holiday)
October 11: Chapter 6 (Political Systems)
October 16, 18: Chapter 7 (Political Participation)
October 23, 25: Chapter 8 (Political Socialization and Culture)
October 30: Review of chapters 6-8
November 1: Test #2
November 6, 8: Chapters 9, 10 (Politics in Developed and Developing States)
November 13, 15: No class (fall break)
November 20, 22: Chapters 11 and 12 (International Politics and Foreign Policy; International Security)
November 27: Chapter 13 (International Political Economy)
**Review for chapters 9-3 will be posted on Brightspace
November 29: Test #3