





Political Science (POLI) 393

Canada and the Global Political Economy (Revision 1)

Status:

Replaced with new revision, see the [course listing](#)  for the current revision 

Delivery mode:

Individualized study online 

Credits:

3



Areas of study:

Arts or Social Science

Prerequisites:

None

Precluded:

POLI 393 is a cross-listed course—a course available in two different disciplines—with [POEC 393](#) . POLI 393 cannot be taken for credit if credit has already been obtained for [POEC 393](#) .

Challenge:

POLI 393 has a challenge for credit option.

Faculty:

[Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences](#) 

Overview

This course introduces you to the distinctive and crucial contributions made by Canadian political economists to our understanding of Canada's political, economic, social, and cultural development. You will explore the historical development of the Canadian economy and engage in a critical examination of some of the methods, approaches, and issues central to the study of Canada and the global political economy. These topics include, but are not limited to, citizenship and immigration, resource dependency, the cultural industries, indigenous-state relations, urban transformation, welfare-state restructuring, health and education reform, precarious work, settler colonialism, political ecology, social inequality, and movements for social justice, especially in the era of emergent infectious diseases.

Outline

The course consists of three sections comprising a total of ten units.

Section 1: Canadian Political Economy in a Global Context: Theories and Approaches

- Unit 1: The 'New' Canadian Political Economy: An Overview
- Unit 2: Evolving Perspectives: Change and Continuity
- Unit 3: Globalization and Development

Section 2: Overview – Canadian Political Economy in Regional and Global Contexts

- Unit 4: Paradigm Shift: Global Neoliberalism
- Unit 5: Democracy and Development in Sub-National Contexts
- Unit 6: Settler Colonial Capitalism
- Unit 7: Urban Restructuring and Welfare State Transformation

Section 3: Overview – Capitalism and Contestation

- Unit 8: Health and Education Deform/Reform
- Unit 9: Precarious Work and Inequality

- Unit 10: Democratic Renewal and the Future(s) of Canadian and Global Political Economy

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Situate a description of current events in social, political, and economic history from the perspective of Canadian political economy.
- Have a working understanding of multiple state and non-state institutions that manage the global political economy.
- Apply concepts, research, and analytical skills of global political economy to contemporary issues and policy debates in Canada.

Evaluation

To **receive credit** [↗](#) for POLI 393, you must complete all the assignments, you must achieve a grade of at least 50 percent on each assignment and obtain a course composite grade of at least **D (50 percent)** [↗](#). The weighting of the composite grade is as follows:

Activity	Weight
Assignment 1: Critical Commentary	25%
Assignment 2: Opposite-Editorial (Op-Ed)	25%
Assignment 3: Research Essay	25%
Final Essay Assignment	25%
Total	100%

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's **online Calendar** [↗](#).

Materials

Thomas, M.P., Vosko, L., Fanelli, C., & Lyubchenko, O. (Eds.). (2019). *Change and continuity: Canadian political economy in the new millennium*.

McGill-Queens University Press.  (Print)

Other Materials

All other course materials are available online.

Challenge for credit

Overview

The challenge for credit process allows you to demonstrate that you have acquired a command of the general subject matter, knowledge, intellectual and/or other skills that would normally be found in a university-level course.





Full information about [challenge for credit](#)  can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

Evaluation

To **receive credit**  for the POLI 393 challenge registration, you must achieve a grade of at least **C- (60 per cent)**  on the examination.

 [Challenge for credit course registration form](#)

Important links

- › [Academic advising](#) 
- › [Program planning](#) 
- › [Request assistance](#) 
- › [Support services](#) 

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