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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

FACULTY OF ARTS

**POLI 435 LEC 2
CANADA AND WORLD POLITICS**

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LECTURE TIMES	Wed/Fri 14:00-15:15

COURSE DESCRIPTION This course will examine the history, practices, theories, and impact of Canadian foreign and defence policy. It will approach the topic from both a “Canada in the World” perspective rooted in conflicting variants of international relations theory as well as from a policy-making perspective which focuses on the influence of domestic political leadership, institutions, societal actors, and identity questions. The course will prompt students to think critically about a wide range of questions that motivate the study of Canadian foreign policy and its implementation.

COURSE OBJECTIVES To introduce students to the historical, theoretical, and institutional foundations of Canadian foreign policy.
To develop analytical skills that improve understanding, explanations, and critical assessments of Canadian foreign policy and Canada’s global influence.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND/OR MATERIALS **Two required textbooks** can be purchased at the University Bookstore as a reduced priced-package (used copies may also be available, but make sure you acquire the current edition as noted):
1) Tom Keating, *Canada and World Order: The Multilateralist Tradition in Canadian Foreign Policy*, 3rd Edition (Don Mills, ON: Oxford University Press, 2013).

2) Duane Bratt & Christopher J. Kukucha, *Readings in Canadian Foreign Policy: Classic Debates and New Ideas*, 2nd Edition (Don Mills, ON: Oxford University Press, 2011).

**GRADE
DISTRIBUTION**

Class Participation	10%
Policy Memo Assignment	15%
Analytical Research Essay	30%
Midterm Exam	25%
Final Take-Home Exam	20%
	100%

**Class Participation
(10%)**

Class participation does not equal attendance. The class participation grade will be based on (1) the quality (not quantity) of engagement in class discussions (5%), and (2) a short (6 minute) multi-media presentation on your research topic outlining your research question, key argument(s), theoretical perspective(s), and sources used (5%). **Presentations will be scheduled from November 7th.**

**Memo to the Minister
Assignment (15%)**

Each student will prepare a policy brief of no more than 700 words (single spaced; a template, detailed instructions, and scenarios will be provided) that simplifies and assesses a contemporary Canadian foreign or defence policy challenge and presents policy recommendations or positions for consideration by a senior policy-maker. Students will receive the assignment on Friday, October 10th, and it is due **in class on Friday, October 24th. Late penalty is 5 percentage points per day.**

**Analytical Research
Essay (30%)**

(1) Select an historical or contemporary Canadian foreign policy theme or challenge, develop a research question and preliminary bibliography that includes both primary and secondary sources, and **get it approved by the instructor by Friday, Oct. 10th** (late penalties will apply after Oct. 10th, deducted from your overall essay grade);
 (2) Undertake primary and secondary research on your topic, develop a working thesis statement, and prepare a short six minute multi-media presentation outlining your research question, thesis, key argument(s), and theoretical perspective(s) you use or challenge in your explanation (Your presentation will be scheduled to coordinate with a class that covers related issue themes or issues, beginning November 7th);
 (3) Prepare and submit a formal 10-12 page essay. Detailed instructions and marking rubric will be provided in class. Final paper is due **via d2l dropbox on Monday, November 24th (4:00pm). Late penalty is 5 percentage points per day.**

Midterm Exam (25%)

The closed-book midterm examination will be multiple-choice format, held on **Friday, October 31st**. It will consist of 60 questions and cover (1) all required readings through Parts I, II, & III (inclusive of

September 10th thru October 29th) and (2) all lectures and class discussions for the same period. (*Closed book: no textbooks, notes, laptops, mobile phones, etc., permitted.*)

Take-Home Final Exam (20%)

The take-home final will take the form of one formal essay (6-8 double spaced pages), properly cited and formatted, and two or three short answer questions. The take-home final exam will be distributed in class on Friday, November 28th and will be **due at 4:00pm on Wednesday, December 10th, via d2l dropbox. Late penalty is 10 percentage points per every 12 hours.**

GRADE SCALE

The Department of Political Science tries to ensure consistency of final grades across courses and sections. Variations in distribution will always be considered where called for by the performance in each individual class. The student does not have any 'right' to a certain grade, but is responsible for earning grades.

A+	=	95+	B+	=	80-84	C+	=	66-69	D+	=	54-57
A	=	90-94	B	=	75-79	C	=	62-65	D	=	50-53
A-	=	85-89	B-	=	70-74	C-	=	58-61	F	=	0-49

CLASS PREPARATION & DESIRE2LEARN (d2l)

Lectures focus on the material presented in the textbook and general discussion relating to the topic(s) outlined in the schedule. Students are expected to read the assigned text chapters and readings before class, and be prepared for class discussion. Important information and additional readings are posted on Desire2Learn (d2l). Students should regularly check the Announcements section of Desire2Learn (d2l) for ongoing notices. It is the responsibility of the student to understand all concepts presented in the textbook and lectures. If you need clarification, please take the initiative to ask the instructor during class or office hours.

CONTACTING YOUR INSTRUCTOR

Students requiring assistance are encouraged to speak to their instructor during class or office hours. Should you wish to meet with the instructor outside of office hours, please telephone or email the instructor to make an appointment. It is to the student's advantage to keep such appointments.

PROPER USE OF EMAIL

Email is commonly used by students to communicate with their instructor. However, it may limit the effectiveness of the communication and may not be the best way for instructors to answer student questions. A telephone call or personal meeting may be requested if necessary. If you have not received a reply to an email within 48 hours, please resend.

Recording Lectures:

Recording of lectures and labs is permitted for individual private study but only at the discretion of the instructor. Any other use of recording constitutes academic misconduct and may result in suspension or expulsion. Please contact the instructor for further information.

COURSE SCHEDULE & READINGS:**Notes on Readings**

- **B&K** refers to the Bratt & Kukucha, eds., textbook, *Readings in Canadian Foreign Policy*
- **Keating** refers to the Tom Keating textbook, *Canada and World Order*
- Additional required readings (*) will be posted on d2l or are otherwise available via UCalgary scholarly journals or the internet

COURSE SCHEDULE (Subject to change)		
DATE	TOPICS	READINGS
Week 1 Sept 10 & 12	I) Course Introduction Does Canada matter in world politics?	B&K Chapters 2 & 3
Week 2 Sept 17 & 19	II) Thinking theoretically about Canadian foreign policy Middle Power Multilateralism	Keating, "Introduction" (pp. 1-17) *Paul Gecelovsky, "Constructing a Middle Power: Ideas and Canadian Foreign Policy," <i>Canadian Foreign Policy</i> Vol. 15, No. 1 (Spring 2009) *Brian Bow, "Paradigms and paradoxes: Canadian foreign policy in theory, research, and practice," <i>International Journal</i> Vol. 65, No. 2 (Spring 2010)
		Keating Chapter 1
Week 3 Sept 24 & 26	Principal Power	B&K Chapter 4
		Keating Chapters 2 & 3
Week 4 Oct 1 & 3	Satellite or Dependent Power	B&K Chapter 5
		Keating Chapter 4
Week 5 Oct 8 & 10	Specialized Power & Critical Approaches	*Patrick Lennox, "Canada as a Specialized Power," (CPSA Paper 2007) *David Black and Heather Smith, "Still notable: Reassessing theoretical 'exceptions' in Canadian foreign policy literature," <i>International Journal</i> Vol.

		69, No. 2 (2014) <i>Recommended: B&K Chapters 6 & 7</i>
	Research Essay Topic/Question Must Be Approved by Oct 10th Memo Assignment Distributed Oct 10th	Keating Chapter 5
Week 6 Oct 15 & 17	III) Foreign Policy Decision-Making PMs & MPs Institutions & Federalism	B&K Chapters 12 & 13 B&K Chapters 14 & 15
Week 7 Oct 22 & 24	Values versus Interests	B & K Chapter 24
	Memo Assignment Due Oct 24th	Keating Chapter 6 & 7
Week 8 Oct 29 & 31	Review – Oct 29th	Keating Chapters 8 & 9
	MIDTERM – OCT 31st	<i>Covers Keating inclusive of Chapter 9, all B&K required chapters listed above, other required readings, and lectures to Oct 29th</i>
Week 9 Nov 5 & 7	IV) Canadian-American Relations	B&K Chapter 8, 19
Week 10 Nov 12 & 14	V) Canada in the World Economy	B&K Chapters 21, 22 *Kukucha, “International relations theory and Canadian trade policy,” <i>International Journal</i> Vol. 69, No. 2 (2014)
Week 11 Nov 19 & 21	VI) Canada & Global Security	B&K Chapters 11, 17, 18, 20
	Research Essays Due Monday, November 24th, 4:00pm	
Week 12 Nov 26 & 28	VII) Canada & Global Governance	B&K 9, 25, 26, 27
	FINAL EXAM – TAKE HOME Distributed Nov. 28th	
Week 13 Dec 3 & 5	VIII) Re-assessing CFP theory & practice	Keating Chapter 10 & 11 *Keating, “The transition in CFP through an English School lens,” <i>International Journal</i> Vol. 69, No. 2 (2014)
	FINAL EXAM – TAKE HOME Due Wednesday, Dec. 10th 4:00pm	

IMPORTANT DEPARTMENTAL, FACULTY AND UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

University Regulations

Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the University policies found in the Academic Regulations sections of the Calendar at

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/academic-regs.html>.

Writing

Written assignments are often required in Political Science courses and the quality of writing skills, including but not limited to such elements as grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, clarity and organization, will be taken into account in the determination of grades. Students are encouraged to make use of the services offered through Writing Support Services in the Student Success Centre (3rd floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library) or at

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/writing-support>.

Academic Accommodation

Students are responsible for requesting academic accommodations and the first step in this process is to register with the Student Accessibility Services (SAS) at

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/access>. Once registered, requests for accommodation should be discussed with the instructor within fourteen (14) days of the beginning of classes.

Plagiarism and Other Forms of Academic Misconduct

Academic misconduct in any form (e.g. cheating, plagiarism) is a serious academic offence that can lead to disciplinary probation, suspension or expulsion from the University. **Plagiarism**, which involves the failure to properly acknowledge the contribution of others, can take several forms, including the failure to properly cite sources, the extensive use of paraphrasing, the buying of papers, and the submission of a single piece of work in two separate courses. **Cheating** also takes many forms including communicating with others during tests and exams, the use of material not authorized by the instructor during exams, and allowing others to view your examination paper or attempting to read the examination papers of others. Students are also cautioned that lectures and materials produced by an instructor in a course are the intellectual property of the instructor. Any distribution of these materials – including hard copy and online – without the instructor's written approval, constitutes a breach of copyright law and an act of academic misconduct. All such offences will be taken seriously and Faculty of Arts policy requires that all offences be reported.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP)

FOIP legislation requires that instructors maintain the confidentiality of student information. In practice, this means that student assignment and tests cannot be left for collection in any public place without the consent of the student. As such, assignments and tests will normally be returned directly to students, either during class or office hours, or electronically through Desire2Learn (D2L). Final exams are not returned to students but can be viewed by making arrangements with the instructor. Any uncollected assignments and tests will be destroyed after three months; final examinations are destroyed after one year.

Absence from a Test

Students who are absent from a scheduled term test for legitimate reasons (e.g. illness with the appropriate confirming documentation or religious conviction) are responsible for contacting the instructor via email within 48 hours of the missed test to discuss alternative arrangements. A copy of this email may be requested as proof of the attempt to contact the instructor. Any student who fails to do so forfeits the right to a makeup test.

Deferral of a Final Examination

Deferral of a final examination can be granted for reasons of illness, domestic affliction, religious conviction, to those with three (3) scheduled final exams within a 24-hour period, and for unforeseen circumstances. Deferred final exams will not be granted to those who sit the exam, who have made travel arrangements that conflict with their exam, or who have misread the examination timetable. The decision to allow a deferred final exam in the Faculty of Arts rests not with the instructor but with Enrolment Services. Instructors should, however, be notified of any absences due to unforeseen circumstances. The Application for Deferred Final Exam, deadlines, requirements and submission instructions can be found on the Enrolment Services website at http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/deferred_final.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

For program planning and advice, visit the Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) at Social Sciences 110, or call 403-220-3580 or email artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic questions for Faculty of Arts students

For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit their office in the MacKimmie Library Block.

Evacuation Assembly Points

In the event of an emergency evacuation from class, students are required to gather in designated assembly points. Please check the list found at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints> and note the assembly point nearest to your classroom.

Additional Contact Information

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URL: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/gsa>

Student Ombudsman

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