**POLI 342 Canadian Foreign Policy**

**Winter 2019 Time:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:35 PM-3:55 PM  
**Classroom:** ENGMC 11

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**Course Description:**

This course will explore some of the formative moments and burning issues in Canadian foreign policy. We will consider Canada’s changing international stature during the World Wars and Cold War period as well as its place in the international economic order and the complexity of Canada's economic and defense relations with the US. The course will also examine Canada's historical relation to international organizations such as the United Nations, its peacekeeping missions, peacebuilding contributions, as well as the use of human rights and foreign aid as a foreign policy instruments. Also important are environmental issues, from early Canada-US water management accords to international climate agreements, and the role of Canadian businesses abroad. We will also consider newer foreign policy challenges, in particular, state-sponsored economic espionage, cybersecurity, and contemporary international terrorism.

**Prerequisites:** A basic course in Canadian Government and Politics or International Politics or written consent of instructor.

**Required Texts:** There is no text to buy for this course.

Weekly readings, podcasts, and videos will be available on the myCourses course page as pdfs and links. These are central to the course and will be referred to in discussions, lectures, assignments, and tests. Most of the podcasts and videos have transcripts, but not all of them.

**Grade Distribution**

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Specific instructions about these tests and assignments will be provided as the course proceeds.
Conferences:
This course is comprised of two lecture hours a week with the instructor, and one hour a week conferences in which students are assigned to small groupings led by teaching assistants (TAs) to discuss contemporary issues in a seminar format. This will give people a smaller setting where they can debate issues, explore concepts, and of course, get to know their fellow students. If a student has to miss several lectures for reasons of illness or other types of emergency, the instructor or the teaching assistant (TA) should be notified. Conferences are scheduled to start during the 4th week of the term, and will be held at various times to accommodate different student schedules.

Classroom Etiquette: Please turn off your phone. If you have a legitimate reason for using your cell phone or for coming/leaving early (i.e. a family emergency) please inform me and sit near the door.

Additional Notes: 1) Extra credit assignments, re-submissions, or make-up work is not permitted in this course. 2) The professor will not read rough drafts of papers prior to submission, but will discuss any problems you are having with your paper or with the course readings during office hours or by appointment. 3) Lateness penalties are available for those who have difficulties completing work on time without them; this will be negotiated with the instructor as needed.

Policy Statements on Academic Integrity and Language
McGill University values academic integrity. Therefore, all students must understand the meaning and consequences of cheating, plagiarism and other academic offences under the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures (see www.mcgill.ca/integrity for more information).

In accord with McGill University’s Charter of Students’ Rights, students in this course have the right to submit in English or in French any written work that is to be graded.

Disability Statement
McGill University provides accommodations for all qualified persons with disabilities. It is the student's responsibility to contact the Office for Students with Disabilities (514-398-6009) and the professor in a timely fashion to arrange for suitable accommodations.
Class Schedule and Readings: Readings etc are subject to change. Please consult the myCourses course page regularly.

Week 1  Introduction

Foreign Policy overview
Canadian Identity

readings:
• "Introduction: Analyzing Canadian Foreign Policy" - Nossal, Roussel & Paquin
• "Peace, Order, and Good Government: The ‘Conservative’ Tradition in Canadian Foreign Policy - Chapnick

Week 2  Canada as a Middle Power

Canada and the World Wars; NATO, NORAD
The Cold War

readings:
• "Canada in the 21st century: beyond dominion and middle power " - Welsh
• "Contemporary Canadian foreign policy: A middle Power in a Great Power world" - Roussel

Week 3  Internationalism

United Nations, UNDHR, Pearson, Peacekeeping

readings:
• “The Principles of Liberal Internationalism According to Lester Pearson" - Simpson
• “Are Canadians still Liberal Internationalists?”- Roland Paris
• "Canada’s Continuing Engagement with United Nations Peace Operations" - Badescu
• video - TVO: New Biography on Mike Pearson (27min) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C4mrRLw5mg4

Week 4  Canada-US Defense Relations

Canada - US security agreements

readings:
• "A community of fate? Nonpolarity and North American security interdependence" - Ayres & Macdonald
• "Defense Against Help: Explaining Canada-U.S. Security Relations"- Barry & Bratt
• "The Canada–United States defence relationship: a partnership for the twenty-first century" - Kenneth Holland

**Week 5  Review and Mid-term Test**

Tues  Review
Thurs Mid-Term Test

**Week 6  Canada's Global citizenship - Development**

Soft power, foreign aid, peacebuilding

**readings:**

• "Peacekeeping's Poor Cousin: Canada and the Challenge of Post-Conflict Policing" - Donais
• "The Ethics of Development Assistance and Human Security: From Realism and Sovereigntism to Cosmopolitanism" - Penz
• "The Other America: Canada" from *Global Good Samaritans: Human Rights As Foreign Policy* - Brysk

**Week 7  Economic relations: Canada and the International Order**

GATT, WTO, Globalization

**readings:**

• "Trade Policy And Economic Development" from *A Trading Nation: Canadian Trade Policy from Colonialism to Globalization* - Hart
• "The Multi-Level State: Canada in the Semi-Periphery of both Continentalism and Globalization" - Clarkson
• "The G8 and the Move to a Globalised International Economy" - Freytag & Wangler

**Week 8  Economic relations: Canada and the United States**

Trade Policy Frameworks: National Policy, FTA, NAFTA

Issues: energy, auto sector, digital

**readings:**

• "Tools and Levers: Energy as an Instrument of Canadian Foreign Policy" - Bratt
• "Mapping the U.S.-Canada Energy Relationship" - Stanley
  https://www.csis.org/analysis/mapping-us-canada-energy-relationship
• video: "NAFTA and the Digital Environment" - Michael Geist talks about intellectual property, digital privacy, culture industry disputes (2017) (43min)
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_tX1uExapMc
• video: TVO The Agenda: "Canada's Energy Past and Future" (2015) (12min)
  https://www.tvo.org/video/programs/the-agenda-with-steve-paikin/canadas-energy-
past-and-future  (also transcript)
• video: CBC Archives "The End of the Auto Pact Era" (2001) (3min)
  https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1721216510

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Week 9    Environmental Issues and Foreign Policy
A) Water issues - Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement
readings:
• Excerpts from *Border Flows: A Century of the Canadian-American Water Relationship* - Heasely & Macfarlane

B) Indigenous peoples, arctic sovereignty, and climate crisis
readings:
• "Inter-National Affairs: Indigeneity, Globality and the Canadian State" - Beier
• "Choosing Not to See: Canada, Climate Change, and the Arctic" - Heather Smith
• "The Status and Role of Indigenous Peoples in Arctic International Governance"- Koivurova

Week 10    Climate Issues
Climate reparations, refugee policy
Readings:
• "Spreading the Guilt: Canada and Climate Change Adaptation Funding" - Stoett

Week 11     New Challenges for Foreign Policy I
A) Canadian businesses abroad: Mining
readings:
• video: TVO *The Agenda* "Canadian Mining Accountability Abroad" (2017) (15min)
• Canadian mining in Latin America (1990 to present): a provisional history - Studnicki-Gizbert

B) Cybersecurity and Economic Espionage
readings:
• "Cyber threats and multiplier effects: Canada at risk" - Gendron
• "Cyberwar: The What, When, Why, and How" - Zeadally & Flowers
**Week 12  New Challenges for Foreign Policy II**

Contemporary International Terrorism

**readings:**

- "Human Rights and National Insecurity" - Brysk

**Week 13**

**Tues**  Review and Wrap-up

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**SYLLABUS ADDENDUM: STUDENT RESOURCES**

**Equity Advisors in the Department of Political Science**

In the context of ongoing efforts to promote strong and sustainable departmental responses to the issues of harassment and sexual misconduct, the Department of Political Science has appointed two professors to the position of equity advisor. The aim of this position is to work in cooperation with the chair and other members of the department to promote strengthened norms and practices in the department regarding preventing and addressing harassment and sexual misconduct.

The equity advisors are available, individually or in tandem, to meet with colleagues and students to discuss questions relating to harassment, sexual misconduct, and related equity concerns, and will refer students and colleagues to the relevant specialized services and offices at McGill. They will promote awareness and application of policies and guidelines related to these issues in the department, including the *Department of Political Science Guidelines on Relationships between Instructors and Students*. The role will evolve according to Departmental needs.

Our current equity officers are Professor Kelly Gordon (kelly.gordon2@mcgill.ca) and Professor Hudson Meadwell (hudson.meadwell@mcgill.ca). Please feel free to reach out to either Professor Gordon or Professor Meadwell with any concerns in relation to this issue.

**Political Science Students’ Association (PSSA)**

The PSSA represents the students enrolled in major, minor, honours, and joint-honours undergraduate degrees in the department of political science at McGill University. They advocate for students’ needs and concerns with the aim of helping to promote students’ experience and overall wellbeing. The team offers many involvement opportunities, coordinates academic and social events and services, provides advising and student support, and enhances the relationship between students, staff, and administration as student liaisons.

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514-398-1087
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Additional Support: AUS Essay Centre

Further Student Support Resources
Student Services
Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD)
Sexual Assault Centre of the McGill Students’ Society (SACOMSS) Office for Sexual Violence Response, Support, and Education (OSVRSE) Peer Support Centre
SSMU Walksafe / Drivesafe
McGill Students’ Nightline

On-Campus Resources / Off-Campus Resources
- emotional support and psychological services
- medical services
- safety and security services (shelters)