



# Political Science 120

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## CLASSROOM STANDARDS

1. **Respect** toward the teacher, fellow classmates, and school property.
2. **Be prepared** for class by: showing up on time, having work completed, having books and writing utensils, and being ready to work for the full 65 minutes of class.
3. **Take responsibility** for you work, your attitude, and your behaviour.

## COURSE TOPICS

### INTRODUCTION TO POLI SCI

- a) What is politics?
- b) What is Political Science?
- c) Key terms
- d) Key Canadian Players past and present.

### GOVERNMENT

- a) What is government?
- b) Why is government necessary?
- c) Origins of governments
- d) Political Theory (Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau)
- e) Types of governments (Political Ideologies)



### GOVERNMENT IN CANADA

#### SECTION A: CONSTITUTION

- a) What is a constitution?
- b) What is Canada's Constitution today?
- c) Major sections of the Constitution of Canada (Sec. 91 and 92)

#### SECTION B: WHO GOVERNS CANADA

- a) Legislative Branch
  - The role of the political party
  - National, Provincial Municipal governments?
- b) Executive Branch
- c) How laws are made
  - Mock Parliament
- d) Judicial Branch
  - Mock Supreme Court

#### SECTION C: CANADA vs. US

- a) Comparing types of governments.
- b) Strengths and weaknesses of each.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will look at government and its purpose as well as be an in-depth study of the Canadian political system. Students enrolled in this course should be aware that there will be a significant amount of independent and collaborative study as well as in class discussion.

While in the course, students must be informed on the news by watching news broadcasts throughout the weeks or by reading a newspaper/reputable website. With a national election occurring during the course, students are strongly encouraged to follow the news and be informed on the issues involved in the election campaign. Students will be involved in organizing the Student Vote Campaign at Armstrong High.

The major projects during the semester will include a constitution assignment, a model parliament or Supreme Court activity, followed by an evidence of learning assignment.

