

PPOL 619 - Governance, Institutions and Public Policy Course Outline

Course:	PPOL 619 - Governance, Institutions and Public Policy	Term:	Winter 2017
Time:	Tuesdays, 17h00 – 20h00	Section:	01
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Required Course Readings:

- Bejerimi, John (2010) *How Parliament Works* 7th edition. Ottawa, ON: Borealis Press. (ISBN 9780888874023 – available on the Borealis Press website: <http://www.borealispress.com/>)
- Miljan, Lydia (2012) *Public Policy in Canada* 6th edition. Don Mills ON: Oxford University Press. (ISBN: 978-0-19-544277-9)
- Griffith, Andrew (2013) *Policy Arrogance or Innocent Bias: Resetting Citizenship and Multiculturalism* (ISBN: 978-0-9880640-6-5) – on Amazon.ca Kindle edition only.

Desire2Learn:

Desire2Learn (D2L), a web-based course management tool, will be used in the course. Students registered in this course can log in at: <https://d2l.ucalgary.ca/>. Note that D2L features a class e-mail list that I will use to communicate with you. It is your responsibility to ensure that D2L uses the e-mail address of your choice. The default is your University of Calgary e-mail address.

Course Description:

We examine the roles and relationships among some of the institutions and processes that shape public policy outcomes. Institutional relationships and the evolution of those relationships are studied. The dynamics of multi-level governance and bureaucratic versus legislative public policymaking are explored in order to explain how policy is made both provincially and federally.

Classes and Readings:

Classes will consist of a combination of formal lectures, class discussions, and special guest presentations. A detailed syllabus will be provided at the first class meeting and all readings listed as mandatory are subject to examination.

Grade Determination:

In the real world of government, private or public sectors, you will often be working in a team environment. In this class, 30% of your mark will be determined by a group project, and the rest will be evaluated by your individual performance via these exercises:

Class participation	10% (in the form of 2 random pop quizzes)
Midterm examination	25% (week 9)
<i>Group project</i>	30% (5% week 5, 25% week 14)–assigned by the instructor
Final examination	35% (scheduled by the Registrar from April 16-27)

Further instruction on methods of submission and due dates will be provided in class and on D2L. Be sure to check on D2L regularly for readings and assignments.

Grading: Letter grades as described in the Faculty of Graduate Studies Calendar (see section E.1 of Calendar online) will be given for all elements of grade determination noted above. The course grade will be determined based on a weighted average of those grades according to the percentages shown above. In the event that elements are marked on a numerical (percentage) basis, they will be converted to letter grades. As a guide to determining standing, the following letter grade equivalences will generally apply:

A+	97-100	B	75-79	C-	60-62
A	90-96	B-	70-74	D+	55-59
A-	85-89	C+	67-69	D	50-54
B+	80-84	C	63-66	F	0-49

Schedule (more detail will be provided in the syllabus):

Week 1	Introduction
Jan. 10	What is Public Policy? Mapping the significant institutions in the “Public Policy Ecosystem”
Week 2	Bureaucracy
Jan. 17	Structures, functions, processes
Week 3	Politicians & public policy
Jan. 24	How a campaign promise becomes a law and how ministers work with bureaucrats
Week 4	Media and public opinion
Jan. 31	How do the media and social media shape the public policy process?
Week 5	ABCs (Agencies, Boards and Commissions)
Feb. 7	From law to regulation to enforcement *** Assignment #1 due in class ***
Week 6	Horizontal and vertical influences

Feb. 14 A look at how “intermestic” issues impact domestic policy, such as free trade deals

Week 7 **Reading week: no classes**
Feb. 21

Week 8 **Lobbyists & public policy**
Feb. 28 Putting it all together: how to advocate for your cause and influence outcomes

Week 9 **Midterm examination – in class**
March 7

Week 10 **Case study 1:** Provincial policymaking (with guest lecturer and discussion)
March 14

Week 11 **Case study 2:** Federal policymaking (with guest lecturer and discussion)
March 21

Week 12 **Case study 3:** Social policy-making and advocacy (with guest lecturer and discussion)
March 28

Week 13 **Case study 4:** Industry policy-making and advocacy (with guest lecturer and discussion)
April 4

Week 14 **Group presentations & assignment #2 due in class; wrap up and final exam prep**
April 11

April **Final examination – scheduled by the Registrar**
17-28

Important Notes:

- The School of Public Policy expects the highest standards of professional conduct by students, faculty and staff. Abusive or disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated. This includes any expression of prejudice in any of its forms.
- It is the student’s responsibility to be fully aware of the academic regulations outlined in the University Of Calgary Faculty Of Graduate Studies Calendar. Provisions regarding Student Misconduct (plagiarism, cheating and other academic misconduct) will be strictly enforced. Please review the University of Calgary’s Regulations on Plagiarism, Cheating and Other Academic Misconduct, online:
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- Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work (term paper, essay, etc.) should discuss their work with the Instructor *within fifteen days* of the work being returned to the class.
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your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course. The Student Accessibility Services website is here: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/>

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 - Safely stop your work.
 - Gather your personal belongings if it is safe to do so. (keys, purses, jackets, cell phones, etc. It may be hours before you are allowed back in the building.)
 - If safe, close your office door and window, but do not lock them.
 - If directed by wardens, follow their instructions.
 - Use the closest emergency exit. Do not use the elevator.
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