Canadian Politics
Field of Study Exam Instructions & Reading List

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instructions for the Canadian Field of study Examination

I. Structure of Canadian politics FoS examination
The Canadian Politics FoS examination has three sections. Each section will have a number of questions that the student may choose from. Students will be expected to answer one question per section in a three-hour period.

Section 1. Canadian Political Institutions: Section 1 covers political institutions, federalism, and the constitution.

Section 2. Canadian Political Process: Section 2 covers political culture, parties and elections, interest groups, social movements and political behaviour.

Section 3. Student’s Specialization in Canadian Politics: For Section 3, sub-fields include, but are not restricted to: Gender and Politics, Indigenous Politics, Multilevel Governance, City Politics, Political Parties, Electoral Politics. The Supervisor will be responsible for drafting a reading list in the particular sub-field if one does not exist.

II. Recommended Preparatory Course Work
As preparation for the Canadian Politics FoS examination, the Canadian Politics Field Caucus recommends the following courses:

POLI 621: The content of Section 1 (Canadian Political Institutions) will be roughly related to the content of POLI 621.

POLI 623: The content of Section 2 (Canadian Political Process) will be roughly related to the content of POLI 623.

III. Additional instructions for the Canadian Politics FoS Examination
None.
### Reading list for the Canadian politics Field of study Examination

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#### I. SECTION 1: INSTITUTIONS

**A. Methods and Disciplinary Reflections**


Turgeon et al, eds. *Comparing Canada: Methods and Perspectives on Canadian Politics*. Vancouver: UBC Press,
2008. Chapters 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 12 and the conclusion.

A. B. Constitutional Development
Ajzenstat, Janet, Paul Romney, Ian Gentiles, and William D. Gairdner, eds., *Canada's Founding Debates*. Toronto: Stoddart, 1999 (since reissued by the University of Toronto Press).

A. C. Prime Ministers, Cabinets, and the Executive
Johnson, David. *Thinking Government: Public Sector Management in Canada*. Peterborough:
Broadview, 2002.


A. D. Legislatures and Legislators


A. E. Federalism


Smiley, D.V. and R. Watts. Intrastate Federalism in Canada (Macdonald Commission Special

Note: It is worthwhile reviewing some of the executive summaries or equivalents of various major attempts to reconcile federalism and the complex ethno-linguistic character of Canada. These include: The Rowell/Sirois Report, 1940 (Book I in particular); The Tremblay Royal Commission (1953); Report on Bilingualism and Biculturalism (1963); Task Force on Canadian Unity (1978); Meech Lake Accord (1987); Charlottetown Accord (1992); Act Respecting the Future of Quebec (1995); Calgary Accord (1997); Clarity Act (1998); Quebec Act (1999).

A. F. Indigenous Politics and the Canadian State

A. G. Political Economy, State, and Society
Howlett, Michael, Alex Netherton and M. Ramesh. The Political Economy of Canada, 2nd


### A. H. Public Policy and Canadian Institutions


### A. I. Judiciary and the *Charter*


### II. Section 2: POLITICAL PROCESS

#### A. Classics

Lord Durham’s Report on the Affairs of British North America


Meisel, John. *The Canadian General Election of 1957*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press,
1962.

A. B. Political Culture and Ideology

A. C. Parties and Interest Groups


### A. D. Elections and Political Behaviour


Gidengil et al. *Dominance and Decline.* Toronto: University of Toronto Press.


### A. E. Gender


Green, Joyce. “Canaries in the Mines of Citizenship: Indian Women in Canada.” *Canadian


**A. F. Regionalism and Quebec**


Gagnon, Alain-G and Raffaele Iacovino, *Federalism, Citizenship and Quebec: Debating Multiculturalism*


McRoberts, Kenneth. *Misconceiving Canada: The Struggle for National Unity*


**A. G. Multiculturalism, Race, and Ethnicity**


Vickers, Jill; Isaac, Anette. *The Politics of Race: Canada, the United States, and Australia* (2nd
III. Section 3: ADDITIONAL AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Note: The third section of the exam will relate to the student’s particular area of specialization within the field of Canadian politics. Where lists already exist in a subfield they are reproduced here. If they do not exist, it is the responsibility of the supervisor to develop a list.