

Political Studies 349.3 (M02)
The Public Policy of Multiculturalism in Canada
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Course Description

As Canada becomes an increasingly multiethnic country and demands for the recognition of diversity multiply, the policy of multiculturalism will continue to gain importance within the Canadian polity. This course is intended to introduce students to the study of the practice of multiculturalism in Canada. It will examine how the management of ethnic diversity is integrated into Canadian public policy. As such, it explores the relationship between multiculturalism and public policy areas such as immigration, employment equity, anti-racism, the welfare state, and federal-provincial-municipal relations. Further, it attempts to put Canadian multicultural policy within the perspective of nation-building, English Canadian nationalism, Québécois nationalism, Canadian partisan politics, and globalization.

Course Requirements

Traditional Option

- 1.) 20%- 2-3 page critical review of a journal article or book chapter chosen from a list provided by the instructor. **Due in class on Tuesday, February 24th, 2009.**
- 2.) 45%- 10-12 page research paper on a topic distributed by the instructor. **Due in class on Tuesday, March 24th, 2009.**
- 3.) 35%- Final exam, date and time to be announced.

Community Service Learning Option

- 1.) 20%- 2-3 page critical review of a journal article or book chapter chosen from a list provided by the instructor. **Due in class on Tuesday, February 24th, 2009.**
- 2.) 45%- 8-10 page paper which relates class readings and discussions to students' volunteer experiences at the Open Door Society. **Due in class on Tuesday, March 24th, 2009.**
- 3.) 35%- Final exam, date and time to be announced.

Papers should be in hard copy format. E-mailed assignments to the instructor will not be accepted. The Political Studies Department's policy is that late assignments are penalized 10% per week. All assignments must be submitted by the day of the final exam or they will be considered incomplete. You must complete all the assignments in order to pass this class. If you have a passing grade but have not completed all of the required course work, you will receive a final grade numeric grade of 49% and the along with the grade comment of INF (Incomplete Failure). All assignments are due at the beginning of class on the due date and late assignments must be submitted at subsequent classes or the day of the final exam at the very latest. Exceptions may be made, at the instructor's discretion, for students who contact the instructor regarding medical reasons or family emergencies before assignments are due. Documentation will be required in these cases. Please note that computer problems are not considered emergencies, so be sure that the computer you use is in good working order, and that you back up your work on a floppy disc and/or print out rough work and essay drafts.

Concerns about the marking of assignments are welcome. If the student has concerns about the mark that they received for an assignment, they are asked to submit a written memo of a half page to the instructor explaining their concern at the beginning of the class after the assignment has been handed back to the student. The instructor will review the student's work and report back to the student on their concern.

Plagiarism

The St. Thomas More Faculty Council has adopted the following policy on plagiarism:

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Students with Disabilities

If you are a student who is registered with the Office of Disability Services for Students, you may apply for unique services or arrangements to complete the requirements for this course. Normally, these services will be provided through the DSS office. If you have not yet registered with that office, please do so as quickly as possible.

Required Texts

Yasmeen Abu-Laden and Christina Gabriel, *Selling Diversity: Immigration, Multiculturalism, Employment, and Globalization*, (Peterborough: Broadview Press, 2002.)

Coursepack assembled by instructor and available at bookstore

**** Lectures will heavily discuss the readings in the textbook but they will not summarize or replicate the readings. In class discussions, you will be expected to critically interact with the readings in the textbook and coursepack. Thus, it is imperative for all students to read each of the readings **and bring their textbooks and any additional readings assigned that week to class.**

Lecture and Reading Schedule

All Readings are required.

Week 1, Multiculturalism and Public Policy

Tuesday, January 6th, 2009: Introduction

Thursday, January 8th, 2009: Chapter 1, Abu-Laden and Gabriel

Week 2, Multiculturalism and Immigration

Tuesday, January 13th, 2009: Chapter 2, Abu-Laden and Gabriel

Thursday, January 15th, 2009: Chapter 3, Abu-Laden and Gabriel

Week 3, Multiculturalism and Nation-Building

Tuesday, January 20th, 2009: Chapter 4, Abu-Laden and Gabriel, pages 105-112 and Pierre Trudeau, "Statement on Multiculturalism" on PAWS.

Thursday, January 22nd, 2009: Chapter 4, Abu-Laden and Gabriel, pages 112-124.

Week 4, Multiculturalism and Nation-Building Continued/Multiculturalism and Employment Equity

Tuesday, January 27th, 2009: Elke Winter, "Neither 'America' nor 'Québec': Constructing the Canadian Multicultural Nation" in *Nations and Nationalism* on PAWS.

Thursday, January 29th, 2009: Chapter 5, Abu-Laden and Gabriel, pages 129-140.

Week 5, Multiculturalism and Employment Equity Continued/Multiculturalism and Globalization

Tuesday, February 3rd, 2009: Chapter 5, Abu-Laden and Gabriel, pages 141-158.

Thursday, February 5th, 2009: Chapter 6, Abu-Laden and Gabriel

Week 6, Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism

Tuesday, February 10th, 2009 - Thursday, February 12th, 2009: Dhiru Patel, "Public Policy and Racism: Myths, Realities, and Challenges" in *Race and Racism in 21st Century Canada: Continuity, Complexity, and Change*, (Peterborough: Broadview Press, 2007) in coursepack

Week 7, SPRINGBREAK

Tuesday, February 17th and Thursday, February 19th, 2009: No Classes (Spring Break)

Week 8, Multiculturalism and the Welfare State

Tuesday, February 24th, 2009 - Thursday, February 26th, 2009: Keith Banting, Richard Johnston, Will Kymlicka and Stuart Soroka, "Do Multiculturalism Policies Erode the Welfare State? An Empirical Analysis" in *Multiculturalism and the Welfare State: Recognition and Redistribution in Contemporary Democracies* (Toronto: Oxford University Press, 2006) in coursepack.

Week 9, Multiculturalism on the Municipal and Provincial Level in Canada

Tuesday, March 3rd, 2009: Joseph Garcea, "Provincial Multiculturalism and Interculturalism Policies in Canada, 1974-2004: A Content Analysis" in *Canadian Ethnic Studies* on PAWS.

Thursday, March 5th, 2009: Christian Poirier, "Ethnocultural Diversity, Democracy and Intergovernmental Relations in Canadian Cities" in *Canada: The State of the Federation 2004, Municipal-Federal-Provincial Relations in Canada* (Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2006) in coursepack.

Week 10, Opposition to Multiculturalism

Tuesday, March 10th, 2009: Yasmeen Abu-Laden and Daiva Stasiulis, "Ethnic Pluralism under Siege: Popular and Partisan Opposition to Multiculturalism" in *Canadian Public Policy* on PAWS.

Thursday, March 12th, 2009: Chapter 1 of Reginald Bibby, *Mosaic Madness: The Poverty and Potential of Life in Canada* (Toronto: Stoddart Publishing, 1990) in coursepack.

Week 11, Opposition to Multiculturalism Continued

Tuesday, March 17th, 2009: Chapter 6 of Neil Bissoondath, *Selling Illusions: The Cult of Multiculturalism in Canada*, (Toronto: Penguin Books, 1994) in coursepack.

Thursday, March 19th, 2009: Janice Gross Stein, "Searching for Equality" in *Uneasy Partners: Multiculturalism and Rights in Canada* (Waterloo: Wilfred Laurier University Press, 2007) in coursepack.

Week 12, Multiculturalism and Quebec

Tuesday, March 24th, 2009-Thursday, March 26th, 2009: Alain Gagnon and Raffaele Iacovino, "Interculturalism: Expanding the Boundaries of Citizenship" in *Québec: State and Society, Third Edition* (Peterborough: Broadview Press, 2004) in coursepack.

Week 13, Canadian Multiculturalism and the World

Tuesday, March 31st, 2009 – Thursday, April 2nd, 2009: Chapter 7 of Will Kymlicka, *Multicultural Odysseys: Navigating the New International Politics of Diversity* (Toronto: Oxford University Press, 2006) in coursepack.

Week 14, Review

Tuesday, April 7th, 2009: Review

April 11th – 30th, Final Exam: Exact date, time and location to be announced.