

**STUDY GUIDE FOR FINAL EXAM, MARCH 17, 2009
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***POLITICAL SCIENCE 590.03: THE CANADIAN
POLITICAL SYSTEM***

Note: The final exam will cover all material in the course.

The first four pages of this Study Guide focus on material covered since the mid-term on February 10. The midterm study guide should also be consulted in preparing for the final exam. The midterm study guide is appended as pages 5-8.

POLITICAL PARTIES and ELECTIONS

Broad Themes

- The state of the four political parties with seats in Parliament:
 - from 1993 to 2004
 - in the 2004, 2006, 2008 general elections
 - challenges for each party in preparing for the next general election

Terms and Concepts

- The Liberal Party of Canada
- The Conservative Party of Canada
 - The Progressive Conservative Party
 - The Reform Party
 - The Canadian Alliance
- The New Democratic Party
- The Bloc Quebecois
- The Green Party
- The Parti Quebecois
- “Brokerage Parties”
- The 1993 General Election
- The 2004 General Election
- The 2006 General Election
- The 2008 General Election
- Prospects for the next General Election
- Single member simple plurality vs. proportional representation electoral systems
- Party identification in the electorate
- Electoral turnout

INTEREST GROUPS

Broad Themes

- The nature and membership of “policy communities”; the role of interest groups in them.

Terms and Concepts

- Policy communities
- Subgovernments

THE MEDIA

Broad Themes

- Critical issues in examining the relationship of the media to politics.

Terms and Concepts

- The CRTC
- Major Broadcasters: CTV, CBC, Global, CPAC
- Major newspapers
- Foreign media penetration
- Freedom of the Press
- Canadian Content
- Ownership concentration

PUBLIC OPINION

Broad Themes

- Similarities and differences in Canadian and U.S. public opinion about specific policy areas.
- Canadian public opinion about government institutions and leaders.
- Canadians' and Americans' opinions about each other [both as people and as governments].
- Convergence and divergence in Canadian and U.S. values.

Terms and Concepts

- Value convergence
- Value divergence

LANGUAGE POLITICS ; QUEBEC POLITICS

Broad Themes

- The place of Quebec in Canada.
- The status of the French language in Quebec and the Rest of Canada.
- the future of Quebec politics and Quebec relations with Canada

Terms and Concepts

- Changing Quebec demographics
- La survivance*
- The Catholic Church in politics
- The Quiet Revolution
- Bill 101
- Distinct Society

- Official languages
- Allophones
- Separatists; soft sovereigntists &/or federalists; federalists
- Meech Lake Accord
- Charlottetown Accord
- Quebec referenda, 1980, 1995
- The Supreme Court Reference on the Secession of Quebec [1998]
- The Clarity Act [2000]

STATUS OF VISIBLE MINORITIES, ABORIGINALS, AND WOMEN

Broad Themes

- Canada as a multicultural society.
- The status of women.
- Major issues for First Nations.

Terms and Concepts

- Mosaic vs. melting pot
- Changing Canadian demographics
- Representation in Parliament and Bureaucracy
- Formal vs. substantive equality
- Aboriginal self-government
- Nunavut
- Assembly of First Nations

DOMESTIC POLICY

Broad Themes

- The most important issues on the current Canadian domestic policy agenda.
- The domestic policy priorities of the Harper government.

Terms and Concepts

- Environmental policy
- Health care policy
- Budget process
- Budget priorities
- Goods and Services Tax [GST]
- Other tax policy
- Same sex marriage
- Immigration policy

CANADA IN THE WORLD; RELATIONS WITH THE U.S.

Broad Themes

- The role of Canada in world politics.
- The nature of Canada-U.S. relations.

Terms and Concepts

- Canadian defense budget and forces
- Canada-U.S. Auto Pact
- Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement
- North American Free Trade Agreement
- Softwood lumber
- Globalization
- Economic dependency
- Kyoto Protocol and environmental policy
- Missile Defense
- NORAD
- Unilateralism vs. multilateralism
- Arctic sovereignty
- Canadian mission in Afghanistan
- Oil sands

IMPORTANT INDIVIDUALS

- Jean Lesage
- René Lévesque
- Lucien Bouchard
- Maurice Duplessis
- Robert Bourassa
- William Lyon Mackenzie King
- Wilfrid Laurier
- Elizabeth May

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CANADA AND THE U.S.

Broad Themes:

- Major similarities and differences between the two countries observed thus far.
- Major similarities and differences in the dominant political ideologies in the two countries.

Terms and Concepts:

- Mosaic versus melting pot
- U.S./Canadian trading relationship

CANADIAN CONTEXT

Broad Themes:

- The evolution of Canada as a fully independent nation. Is it a nation?
- The nature of Canadian political culture. The relevance of Lipset's major arguments ["formative events"] in explaining Canadian political culture. The relevance of "founding fragment" arguments [Hartz, McRae] in explaining Canadian political culture. The relevance of the "deep structures" analysis of Grabb and Curtis.
- The meaning of "democracy" in Canada.

Terms and Concepts:

- Major enduring fault lines in Canadian society and politics
- "Revolutionary origins" ["formative events"] theory of the development of political culture and institutions
- "Founding fragments" theory of the development of political culture and institutions
- "Deep structures" theory of the development of political culture and institutions
- Confederation
- Canada in World War I
- Canada in World War II
- Political identities
- 1759
- The Quebec Act of 1774

CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK/RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

Broad Themes:

- What is the Canadian constitution?
- What is the status of individual rights in Canada?
- What communal rights are important, especially those of language rights and aboriginals?

- The importance of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
- Judicial review under the Charter

Terms and Concepts:

- References to the Supreme Court of Canada
- The “notwithstanding” clause of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms [section 33]
- Federal bilingualism
- Multi-culturalism
- The British North America Act [1867]
- The Statute of Westminster [1931]
- Meech Lake Accord
- Charlottetown Accord
- The Quebec Secession Reference [1998]
- The Clarity Act
- Quebec referenda [1980, 1995]
- The *Oakes* test
- Law Society of Upper Canada v. Skapinker*
- Parliamentary supremacy vs. constitutional/judicial supremacy
- The federal Bill of Rights [1960]
- Morgentaler* cases

FEDERALISM

Broad Themes:

- The nature of Canadian federalism: centralization and decentralization; division of powers; center-periphery relations.
- Comparison of Canadian federalism with U.S. federalism.

Terms and Concepts:

- Assymetrical federalism
- Executive federalism
- First ministers conferences; other federal-provincial conferences
- Interprovincial trade and labor barriers
- Western alienation
- Quebec separatism
- Equalization payments
- Regionalism
- Parti Quebecois
- Canadian Pacific Railroad
- Social Framework Agreement
- Contract and compact theories of federalism
- Council of the Federation

PARLIAMENT

Broad Themes:

--The role of the House of Commons in Canadian political life.

Terms and Concepts:

- Parliamentary supremacy
- Responsible government
- Party discipline in Parliament
- Ministerial accountability
- Question Period
- Canadian Senate
- Types of majority and minority governments
- Votes of confidence in the House of Commons
- Parliamentary committees
- “12 member rule”
- Apportionment of seats for Parliament
- Deciding boundaries of ridings [“districting”]

THE EXECUTIVE

Broad Themes:

--Does the role of the Executive change depending on whether the government has a majority or a plurality in the House of Commons? If so, how? If not, why not?

Terms and Concepts:

- The Governor General
- The Speech from the Throne
- The Prime Minister
- The Privy Council Office
- Clerk of the Privy Council
- The Prime Minister’s Office
- The Department of Finance
- The Treasury Board Secretariat
- Cabinet
- Quebec sponsorship program and scandal

THE BUREAUCRACY

Broad Themes:

- The nature of Canadian bureaucracy, including the relationship of transitory political appointees to permanent civil servants.
- The role of Canadian bureaucracy in the polity.

Terms and Concepts:

- Cabinet ministers
- Central agency control of the bureaucracy
- policy communities

THE COURTS

Broad Themes:

- The role of the judiciary in Canadian political life.
- Judicial review under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms

Terms and Concepts:

- Basic court structure: federal and provincial
- Appointments to the Supreme Court of Canada

IMPORTANT INDIVIDUALS

- Stephen Harper
- Michael Ignatieff
- Stéphane Dion
- Gilles Duceppe
- Jack Layton
- Jean Charest
- Paul Martin
- Jean Chretien
- Brian Mulroney
- John A. McDonald
- Pierre Trudeau
- Louis Riel
- Michaëlle Jean
- Kevin Lynch
- Marshall Rothstein
- Thomas Cromwell
- Michael Wilson
- Jim Flaherty
- Peter MacKay
- Dalton McGuinty
- Beverly McLachlin
- Danny Williams
- Pauline Marois
- Bob Rae