Renison University College Land Acknowledgement

With gratitude, we acknowledge that Renison University College is located on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron (also known as Neutral), Anishinaabe, and Haudenosaunee peoples, which is situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land promised to the Six Nations that includes ten kilometres on each side of the Grand River.

Winter 2022
Course Code: SDS 131R
Course Title: Social Ideas, Policy, and Political Practice
Class Times/Location:
Section 001: 10:00 to 11:20 pm on Monday and Wednesday in REN 2106 (online until Jan. 28)
Section 002: 1:00 to 2:20 pm on Monday and Wednesday in REN 2016 (online until Jan. 28)
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Course Description
An introduction to some of the major social and political ideas of Western civilization. Attention is given to the influence and applicability of these ideas to social policy and political practice in contemporary Canada.

Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes

- To critically examine various political ideologies
- To explore competing views on the responsibilities of the state and individuals
- To understand the evolution of certain social policies in Canada and the connections to political ideologies
- To examine the rise of the welfare state and neo-liberal critiques of the state
- To help students critically examine their own political and social perspectives

Recommended Text
Grading

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Class attendance and participation (10%)  
January 5-February 2 on Zoom  
Each Wednesday there will be an 80 minute Zoom session on course material. Your participation grades will be based on your attendance (arriving on time, staying for the whole class), level of participation in discussions, and your understanding of the course material.

February 7-April 5 in person  
Your participation grade will be based on your attendance Monday and Wednesday classes (arriving on time, staying for the whole class), level of participation in class discussions, and your understanding of the course material.

Case study papers (50%)  
Case study papers are your opportunity to apply the specific concepts and ideas from the political ideology to issues or problems being debated in the public sphere. Students will choose six different cases to examine and will write a 750 word paper that links the specific ideology with the given case study. You are required to complete two papers for Unit One, two papers for Unit Two, and two papers for Unit Three. You can only submit one paper per week and they must be on the specific ideology/case study for the given week.

More information about these papers will be given in class and a marking rubric will be posted on Learn. You are to use APA citations for these papers.

There are no case study papers for week one (Introduction) or week twelve (Summary).

Final exam (40%)  
The cumulative two hour on-line final exam will be scheduled during the University exam period. The exam will be a combination of concepts, short answer questions, and longer essay questions.
Introduction
January 5 and 10

Classical liberalism
January 12 and 17

Reform liberalism
January 19 and 24

Neo-liberalism and Libertarianism
January 26 and 31

Unit Two
Marxism
February 2 and 7

Fascism
February 9 and 14

Conservatism
February 16 and 28

Feminism
March 2 and 7

Unit Three
Pacifism
March 9 and 14

Anarchism
March 16 and 21

Environmentalism
March 23 and 28

Summary
March 30 and April 4
Course Guidelines
- You must keep a copy of all assignments.
- The penalty for late case study papers is 5% per day including weekends.
- APA citation style is required.
- Assignments will be submitted and marked online only.

**Turnitin.com:** Text matching software (Turnitin®) may be used to screen assignments in this course. Turnitin® is used to verify that all materials and sources in assignments are documented. Students’ submissions are stored on a U.S. server, therefore students must be given an alternative (e.g., scaffolded assignment or annotated bibliography), if they are concerned about their privacy and/or security. Students will be given due notice, in the first week of the term and/or at the time assignment details are provided, about arrangements and alternatives for the use of Turnitin in this course.

It is the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor if they, in the first week of term or at the time assignment details are provided, wish to submit alternate assignment.

For **Winter 2022**, the established examination period is **April 8-26**. The schedule will be available early in the fall. Students should be aware that student travel plans are not acceptable grounds for granting an alternative final examination time (see: [Final Examination Schedule](https://uwaterloo.ca/registrar/final-examinations)).

**Accommodation for Illness or Unforeseen Circumstances:**

The instructor follows the practices of the University of Waterloo in accommodating students who have documented reasons for missing quizzes or exams. See [http://www.registrar.uwaterloo.ca/students/accom_illness.html](http://www.registrar.uwaterloo.ca/students/accom_illness.html).

**Academic Integrity:**

In order to maintain a culture of academic integrity, members of the University of Waterloo community are expected to promote honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. See the [UWaterloo Academic Integrity webpage](https://uwaterloo.ca/academic-integrity/) and the [Arts Academic Integrity webpage](https://uwaterloo.ca/arts/current-undergraduates/student-support/ethical-behaviour) for more information.

**Discipline:** Every student is expected to know what constitutes academic integrity, to avoid committing academic offences, and to take responsibility for their own actions. [Check the Office of Academic Integrity](https://uwaterloo.ca/academic-integrity/) for more information.] A student who is unsure whether an action constitutes an offence, or who needs help in learning how to avoid offences (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) or about “rules” for group work/collaboration, should seek guidance from the course professor, academic advisor, or Academic Dean. When misconduct has been found to have occurred, disciplinary penalties are imposed under the University of Waterloo Policy 71 – Student Discipline. For information on categories of offences and types of penalties, students should refer to [Policy 71 - Student Discipline](https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-71). For typical penalties check [Guidelines for the](https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-71).

Students should also be aware that copyright laws in Canada prohibit reproducing more than 10% of any work without permission from its author, publisher, or other copyright holder. Waterloo’s policy on Fair Dealing is available here: https://uwaterloo.ca/copyright-guidelines/fair-dealing-advisory  Violation of Canada’s Copyright Act is a punishable academic offence under Policy 71 – Student Discipline.

**Grievance:** A student who believes that a decision affecting some aspect of their university life has been unfair or unreasonable may have grounds for initiating a grievance. Read Policy 70, Student Petitions and Grievances, Section 4. When in doubt, please be certain to contact the department’s administrative assistant who will provide further assistance.

**Appeals:**

A decision made or penalty imposed under Policy 70, Student Petitions and Grievances (other than a petition) or Policy 71, Student Discipline may be appealed if there is a ground. A student who believes they have a ground for an appeal should refer to Policy 72, Student Appeals.

**Academic Integrity Office (uWaterloo):** http://uwwaterloo.ca/academic-integrity/

**Accommodation for Students with Disabilities:**** AccessAbility Services, located in Needles Hall, Room 1401, collaborates with all academic departments to arrange appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities without compromising the academic integrity of the curriculum. If you require academic accommodations to lessen the impact of your disability, please register with AccessAbility Services at the beginning of each academic term.

**Intellectual Property.** Students should be aware that this course contains the intellectual property of the instructor, which can include:

- lecture handouts and presentations (e.g., PowerPoint slides)
- lecture content, both spoken and written (and any audio or video recording thereof)
- questions from various types of assessments (e.g., assignments, quizzes, tests, final exams)
- work protected by copyright (i.e., any work authored by the instructor)

Making available the intellectual property of instructors without their express written consent (e.g., uploading lecture notes or assignments to an online repository) is considered theft of intellectual property and subject to disciplinary sanctions as described in Policy 71 – Student Discipline. Students who become aware of the availability of what may be their instructor’s intellectual property in online repositories are encouraged to alert the instructor.
Mental Health Support
All of us need a support system. The faculty and staff in Arts encourage students to seek out mental health supports if they are needed.

On Campus
- Counselling Services: counselling.services@uwaterloo.ca / 519-888-4567 ext. 32655
- MATES: one-to-one peer support program offered by the Waterloo Undergraduate Student Association (WUSA) and Counselling Services
- Health Services Emergency service: located across the creek from Student Life Centre

Off campus, 24/7
- Good2Talk: Free confidential help line for post-secondary students. Phone: 1-866-925-5454
- Empower Me: Confidential, multilingual, culturally sensitive, faith inclusive mental health and wellness service.
- Grand River Hospital: Emergency care for mental health crisis. Phone: 519-749-4300 ext. 6880
- Here 24/7: Mental Health and Crisis Service Team. Phone: 1-844-437-3247
- OK2BME: set of support services for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning teens in Waterloo. Phone: 519-884-0000 extension 213

Full details can be found online at the Faculty of ARTS website
Download UWatloo and regional mental health resources (PDF)
Download the WatSafe app to your phone to quickly access mental health support information
A respectful living and learning environment for all

Everyone living, learning, and working at Renison University College is expected to contribute to creating a respectful environment free from harassment and discrimination.

You may contact Melissa Knox, Renison’s external anti-harassment and anti-discrimination officer, by email (mnknox@uwaterloo.ca) or by phone or text (226-753-5669). Melissa is an employment and human rights lawyer and part-time Assistant Crown Attorney for the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General. Melissa is experienced in case management, discipline and complaints processes, and works with organizations across Canada to foster safe, respectful, and inclusive work and learning environments through policy development, educational workshops, conflict mediation and dispute resolution, and organizational culture audits.

Harassment is unwanted attention in the form of disrespectful comments, unwanted text messages or images, degrading jokes, rude gestures, unwanted touching, or other behaviours meant to intimidate.

According to the Ontario Human Rights Code, discrimination means unequal or different treatment causing harm, whether intentional or not, because of race, disability, citizenship, ethnic origin, colour, age, creed, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression, or other personal characteristic.