

SIR WILFRID LAURIER SECONDARY SCHOOL
CANADIAN AND WORLD POLITICS (CPW 4U)

Credits: One

COURSE OUTLINE:

This course examines Canadian and world politics from a variety of perspectives. Students will investigate the ways in which individuals, groups and states work to influence domestic and world events, the role of political ideologies in national and international politics and the dynamics of international cooperation and conflict resolution.

UNIT 1: Political Decision Making at the State level (chapters 5, 6 & 7)

Overall expectations

By the end of this course, students will:

- describe the main characteristics of the Canadian political system and decision-making
- analyse information about political issues and communicate opinions about political issues

UNIT 2: International Organizations and Political Ideologies (chapters 2, 3, 4, 8, 10)

Overall expectations

By the end of this course, students will:

- describe the main ways in which sovereign states and non-state participants cooperate and deal with international conflicts
- describe the structure and function of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations
- explain the role and function of ideologies in national and international politics
- communicate knowledge, beliefs and interpretations using a variety of formats

UNIT 3: International Relations (chapter 9)

Overall expectations

By the end of this course, students will:

- identify key influences in the history of international relations
- describe the main ways in which sovereign states and non-state participants cooperate with international conflicts
- develop supportable conclusions about political events
- describe factors that make states powerful and factors that make states weak
- evaluate Canada's role and influence in international relations

UNIT 4: World Conflict and Humanitarian Emergencies (chapters 11 & 12)

Overall expectations

By the end of this course, students will:

- develop supportable conclusions about political events, issues, and trends and their relationships to social, economic, and cultural systems
- explain how nationalist and internationalist ideologies shape ideas, as well as conflict or cooperation within and among nations
- evaluate the role of Canada in the international community

UNIT 5: World Issues and Active Citizenship (chapter 7 & 10)

Overall expectations

By the end of this course, students will:

- use political knowledge, skills, and values to act as responsible citizens
- explain the rights and responsibilities of individual citizens, groups, and states in the international community

EVALUATION

The final grade for each course:

- 70% of the grade will be based on assessment and evaluation conducted throughout the course.
- 30% of the grade will be based on summative evaluations administered towards the end of the course.

Guidelines for Missed Evaluations and Academic Fraud:

1. Upon missing a test or presentation, students will be required at the teacher's discretion, either to;
 - a) Complete the test or presentation immediately upon return to school; or
 - b) Make arrangements with the teacher for a make-up; or
 - c) Write the missed test Friday morning at 7:30 a.m. of that week.

Failure to complete it according to the negotiated schedule will result in a mark of zero.

Note: Certain forms of formal summative evaluations (exams, summative project presentations, etc.) are time sensitive. This means they must be completed at and within a specific time. Students must be present for these summative evaluations.

2. If an assignment is late or incomplete, a student will be provided with a second opportunity. Students who are provided with a second opportunity, **shall do so within five school days**. If no evidence is forthcoming after five days, a mark of zero will be assigned.
3. Copied, borrowed or stolen work provides no evidence of learning. Teacher will document and archive the work in question. Students may be allowed to resubmit the assignment. The teacher and administrator will define the parameters for the completion of this task.

Attendance Policy:

- You are responsible for catching up on class notes and completing any assignments for which you were absent
- Your parents are required to notify the office when you are absent
- **All missed course exams must be excused with a doctor's certificate**

General Course Information:

Textbook: Canadian and World Politics (\$82.95)