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POL S*4140 CONCEPTIONS OF CANADA

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Course Description and Objectives: This course will explore evolving conceptions of Canadian identity and nationalism through consideration of political culture, institutions and constitutional arrangements. Possible topics include: multiculturalism, aboriginal identity and community, Québec nationalism, social citizenship, rights and representation, as well as Canada's global role and significance.

By the end of the course, students will be in a position to discuss the following key themes:

- the multidimensional nature of Canadian national identity;
- the diversity of political needs and demands made by Canadians;
- the management of diversity in a multinational and polyethnic state;
- the intersection of Canada’s diversity with political institutions.

Teaching Method: This course is a seminar, and consequently, students are expected to participate actively in class. Only occasionally will there be lectures.

Required Reading
Most required reading is contained in a CSPI Coursepack (available at the Bookstore). Other readings are available online through the ARES Course Reserve system.

POL S*4140 is a 1.00 credit-weighted research and writing intensive seminar courses. Course requirements may include short written assignments, group presentation, book reviews, research paper and a final examination.