



**POLI-2313-WDE Human Rights and Civil Liberties
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
Winter, 2023**

Instructor: TBD
Email: TBA
Class time: TTh 1:00PM - 2:30PM
Office: TBA, Office Hours to be provided (if any)

Required Textbook

None.
Resources or links to resources to be provided.

Course Requirements and Evaluation

Mid-term Examination (take home-TBA) worth 30% (**Mandatory**)

Student Presentation/Essay (student presentations to be scheduled and essay to be submitted by email by TBA.) worth 70% (**Optional**)-
of that 70%, 30% is for the presentation and 40% is for the essay itself

OR

Final Examination (Dec. exam period-format to be determined) worth 70% (**Mandatory only if students do not do the presentation/essay option**)

The mid-term examination is a take home exam consisting of short answer and essay type questions that you will return by email within 72 hours (sent to students on TBA; to be returned by students on TBA). The final examination (one and one half hours in length) is a closed book examination and will be scheduled during the April exam period. **The student presentation/essay submission is optional, with presentations scheduled for November classes: only students who do not choose to do the student presentation/essay option will be required to write the final examination in the examination period. Student presentations will occur in-class for 30-45 minutes each, with the essay covering the topic presented in class. Power point presentations to be submitted to lecturer and to all students 48 hours prior to presentation.**

The final examination will include questions from the entire term and will be based on all lectures, all power point slides, all student presentations and all assigned readings.

Schedule for Term

Week One-Lecture 1: Introduction Readings to be assigned in class
Course outline reviewed.

Week Two-Lecture 2: History of Rights Protections Readings to be assigned in



class

Week Three-Lecture 3: The Criminal Justice System and Rights Protections
Readings to be assigned in class

Week Four-Lecture 4: Ontario Human Rights Code Readings to be assigned in
class

Week Five-Lecture 5: Canadian Courts and Civil Rights Cases Readings to be assigned
in class

Week Six-Lecture 6: Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and Legal Rights
Readings to be assigned in class

Week Seven-Lecture 7: Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples Readings to be
assigned in class

Take-home examination released TBA and to be returned by email by TBA.

Week Eight-Student Presentations

Week Nine-Student Presentations

Week Ten-Student Presentations

Week Eleven-Student Presentations

Week Twelve-Student Presentations

The above is subject to change, depending upon the situation with COVID 19 and the number of student presentations. Students are responsible to be available for the final examination, if applicable, to be scheduled for the examination period. **Students are responsible to know the time and date of the final examination by consulting the Lakehead University examination timetable. The final examination may be administered on-line or be in person at a location on campus.**

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