

Centre for Canadian, US & Latin American Studies
School of International Studies
Jawaharlal Nehru University
M. Phil. Course

Course No.	:	AW 649
Course Level	:	M. Phil
Course Title	:	Government & Politics in Canada
Credits	:	3
Semester	:	Monsoon Semester
Course Instructors	:	Prof. Abdul Nafey
Instructional Methods	:	Lectures/Seminars/Tutorials
Evaluation	:	Sessionals & End-Semester Examination
Duration of the Course	:	One Semester
Contact Hours	:	Three per Week

Course Contents

- I Canadian Politics: approaches, perspectives & ideas; societal factors and economic forces; political culture; Canadian political thought. Charter of Rights & Freedom.
- II Political Institutions: Constitutional foundations; legislative politics; role of Executive; judiciary: structure & process. Judicial Review.
- III Federal Structures and Policy Process; reasons for federalism; federalism and Policy-making process; inter-governmental relations; fiscal federalism. Economic liberalisation process and tensions within federation. Quebec and The political process
- IV Party System: origin and evolution of party system; major political parties; Brokerage politics; role of minor parties. Electoral system and its consequences Party finance and special interests
- V Non-party activity and expression: pressure groups and political movements; Language politics; movements of 'first nations'. Civil Society in Canada.
- VI Media, politics, and democracy: role and ownership; shaping of the public opinion.

*Reading List is updated from time to time.