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Political Science studies fundamental concepts of politics, political culture, ideology and government. In particular, it explores the impact of politics on society and individuals by examining various political systems and processes. Northern Lights College offers "Politics and Government", "The Government of Canada" and "Political Ideologies".

Because Political Science is an interdisciplinary field, please see the following Library Subject Guide for further information: **Canadian Law**

Ask a Librarian for assistance in finding relevant books and journal articles and/or if you need help researching a course related topic. The librarian will also provide assistance in using the Library's website, online catalogue, article databases, and the Internet. Contact the librarian directly or use the "Ask a librarian" section on the Library web pages.

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REFERENCE

Consulting dictionaries, encyclopedias and handbooks can be a useful starting point for learning. Many of these sources provide basic information, overviews of topics, as well as introduce specialized terminology and detailed information. Major reference works are held mainly at the DC and FSJ libraries. Reference librarians on those campuses will research these materials for faculty and students. Simply fill out the "Ask the Librarian" form on the library webpage or contact the library directly. Some titles of interest located in the reference section are:

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JL 193 A55 1991	The Almanac of Canadian Politics	E 99 I7 J63 1996	Native American political systems and...
D 840 B78 2006	Chronology of the Cold War	JA 61 O95 1993	The Oxford companion to politics of the world
AC 1 G72 1990 v.44	Democracy in America	JF 37 P76	Political Handbook of the World
D 843 A668 E52	Encyclopedia of the Cold War, 1917-1992	KEB 58 S86 2004	Summary of local government legislation
JL 86 A8 B68 1996	Government online in Canada	HC 59.7 T5	The World Guide

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JL 73 C34 1995	Canadian federal government handbook	JA 61 M33 2006	The language of Canadian politics
JF 37 P76	Political Handbook of the World	HQ 1236.5 E85 E52 2003	Political and historical encyclopedia of wom.
D 843 A668 E52	Encyclopedia of the Cold War, 1917-1992	HV 640 S67 2000	The state of the world's refugees
JL JA 61 R39 1992	Dictionary of Politics	HC 59.7 T5 2003	The world guide
KE 5325 D73 2002	Federal access to information and privacy leg.		

CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM:

To assist you in browsing the collection, try the following areas:

HB 501	Capitalism	JF 51	Comparative government
HX 1-795	Socialism/Communism	JF 2011	Political parties/electoral systems
J-JC	Political Science (General)	JK	U.S. - Politics & government
JC 71-JC 311	Political Philosophy	JL	Canada - Politics & government
JC 421-458	Democracy	JL 400-439	B.C. Politics & government
JC 474	Totalitarianism		

LIBRARY CATALOGUE AND ELECTRONIC DATABASES

To find books, journals, and audiovisual materials on your topic, search the library's online **catalogue**. If you are looking for journal articles, search the library's online **journal article indexes & electronic databases**. Use **keywords** to search the online catalogue and/or electronic databases. A keyword is a word or term that best describes the information you are looking for. You can search the library catalogue or an electronic database for either a single keyword or a combination of keywords in order to find articles in an electronic database or books in the online catalogue containing the keyword(s).

Examples of keywords:

capitalism	international relations	political socialization	socialism
constitutionalism	junta	politics	syndicalism
democracy	Karl Popper	pluralism	unwritten constitution
federalist	Niccolò Machiavelli	regulatory agency	welfare state
Henry Kissinger	parliamentary sovereignty		

PERIODICALS & NEWSPAPERS:

The library currently subscribes to several periodicals and newspapers of particular interest to students. To check for campus and holdings search the title in WebCat.

Periodical Title.....	Library Holdings.....	Campus Library
Asia-Pacific perspectives	2004 - present	DC/FSJ
BC business	1992 - current	DC/FSJ
Canada and the world backgrounder	1 yr - current	FSJ
Canada world view	5 yrs - current	DC
Canadian public policy	2005 - current	DC
Canadian review of sociology and anthropology	2001 - current	DC
Canadian social trends	1991 - current	DC
Economist	1 yr - current	FSJ
Journal of Canadian studies	1978 - current	DC/FSJ
Maclean's	3 yrs - current	DC/FSJ
Newsweek	2004 - current	FSJ
Time	3 yrs - current	DC/FSJ

DATABASES & INDEXES: <http://nlc.bc.ca/library/articleindexes.php>

Academic Search Premier: Provides coverage for social sciences, humanities, education, computer sciences, arts and literature, medical sciences, and ethnic studies. Citations and full text available. 1984-present. Updated monthly.

Canada's Heritage since 1844: The full pages of The Globe and Mail since 1844. includes major events in Canadian history, plus thousands of images, political cartoons, etc. back to the pre-confederation era.

Canadian Almanac & Directory: Directories database for art galleries and museums, education, government, health care and hospitals, performing arts, exhibitions and festivals. Fulltext. Updated annually.

Canadian Encyclopedia: A comprehensive and authoritative source of information on all things Canadian.

Canadian Newsstand: Provides full text access to the articles, columns, editorials and features published in a variety of Canadian newspapers,

Canadian Reference Centre: Includes leading Canadian periodicals and leading U.S. & U.K. periodicals in full text, also full text reference books, 96,600 full text biographies and an Image Collection of 116,000 photos, maps and flags, including 80,000 Canadian images.

Canadian Research Index: Index to federal, provincial & municipal government documents; inc. research, policy papers, etc. 1980 – present. Update monthly.

CBCA Fulltext Reference: Canadian Business and Current Affairs is a major index for Canadian newspapers, popular & business scholarly journals and popular magazines. 1982– present.

CPI.Q: Provides coverage of current event, health, technology, arts, history, culture, and business. 400 Canadian periodicals with 137 fulltext. 1988-present.

Dictionary of Canadian Biography: This online dictionary, from the National Archives of Canada, presents persons who died between 1000 and 1920 or whose last known date of activity falls within these years.

Early Canadiana Online: ECO is a fulltext collection of over 3,000 books and pamphlets documenting Canadian history from the earliest Colonial administrations to the Canadian and provincial governments of the early 20th century.

Encyclopedia Britannica Online: Fulltext of the encyclopedia published since 1768

E-Stat: Statistics Canada database with Census data, CANSIM time series, & environmental data.

Ingenta: Article citations and summaries in all disciplines

MAS Ultra: Contains full text for nearly 550 magazines, 91,600 biographies, 75,000 primary source documents, and 250 reference books. 1984 - current.

Military and Government Collection: Publications covered in this database include Defense Studies, Global Security Review, Joint Force Quarterly, National Review, Foreign Affairs, Military Technology, etc. Access via **Academic Search Premier**, select from **choose databases** list.

Social Sciences: Indexes journals in the Social Sciences. 1983- present. Updated monthly.

WEBSITES

Canadian Sources

Canadian Policy Research Networks: <http://www.cprn.org/>

Canadian Political Science Association: <http://www.cpsa-acsp.ca/>

Elections Canada: <http://www.elections.ca/>

Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada: <http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/>

Government of Canada: <http://www.canada.gc.ca/>

- Departments and Agencies: http://www.canada.gc.ca/depts/major/depind_e.html

Library and Archives Canada:

- Canadian Information by subject – Political Science: <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/caninfo/ep032.htm>

Mapleleafweb: <http://www.mapleleafweb.com/main.shtml>

Politics Watch: <http://www.politicswatch.com/index2.html>

Parliament of Canada: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/>

Politics Watch: <http://www.politicswatch.com/index2.html>

Thomson Nelson Political Science Resource Centre: <http://hed.nelson.com/products/rcMain.aspx?disID=10&oblD=29>

- Canadian Politics on the Web: <http://www.polisci.nelson.com/canpol.html>

General

IPSA Portal – top political science websites: <http://ipsaportal.unina.it/final.html>

Political Resources on the Net: <http://www.politicalresources.net/>

Political Science And Public Affairs - Reference And Web Resources: <http://faculty.washington.edu/alvin/PolBib.htm>

Poly-Cy – Internet Resources for Political Science – University of West Virginia: <http://www.polsci.wvu.edu/polycy/>

Richard Kimber's Political Science Resources: <http://www.psr.keele.ac.uk/>

International

Council on Foreign Relations: <http://www.cfr.org/>

Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS): <http://www.csis.org/about/>

ElectionGuide.org: <http://www.electionguide.org/>

Europa – Gateway to the European Union: http://europa.eu/index_en.htm

Facts on International Relations and Security Trends (FIRST): <http://first.sipri.org/>

Foreign Affairs Online: <http://people.virginia.edu/~rjb3v/rjb.html>

Forum of Federations: <http://www.forumfed.org/#>

GPO Access - US: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/>

United Nations: <http://www.un.org/>

US Department of State: <http://www.state.gov/>

USA.Gov: <http://www.usa.gov/>

United Nations: <http://www.un.org/>

- News Centre: <http://www.un.org/news/>

Websites of National Parliaments: <http://www.ipu.org/english/parlweb.htm>

World Factbook – CIA: <https://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html>

Political Theory

International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA): <http://www.idea.int/>

The Keele Guide To Political Thought And Ideology On The Internet: <http://www.keele.ac.uk/depts/pol/ptbase.htm>

Marxists Internet Archive: <http://www.marxists.org/>

Political Thought – Vanderbilt University: <http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/polsci/polthought.html>

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