

**POLITICAL SCIENCE 3710**  
**Intergovernmental Relations**  
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**General Information**

The main purpose of this course is to introduce students to the study of intergovernmental studies. In the first part of the course we will examine key concepts and theories that we can rely upon to make better sense of what intergovernmentalism is, the conditions which shape these experiments, and the outcomes achieved. The second part of the course will be devoted to analysing various examples of intergovernmental systems across both jurisdictions and policy fields. Topics for papers and class presentations will be organized in the first couple of weeks of the course. Given the extent to which intergovernmental relations has influenced international, interprovincial, municipal-provincial-national partnerships in most policy fields, there should be much opportunity for students to apply key concepts and theories in different contexts. Whether we are discussing constructing common problems or solutions in the areas of the environment, equalization, economic development, aboriginal governance, emergency measures, fishery, obesity, social justice, or standards for health care, there will be much opportunity to learn about the challenges of intergovernmental relations. Papers will be due before the last two weeks of class. The mid-term will be scheduled the week before the mid-term break.

**Mark Distribution**

Paper:	40%
Mid-term	20%
Final Examination:	40%

**Required Reading Materials:**

Herman Bakvis and Grace Skogstad, editors, *Canadian Federalism: Performance, Effectiveness and Legitimacy*.

Robert Young and Christian Leuprecht, *Canada: The State of the Federation 2004, Municipal-Federal-Provincial Relations in Canada*.

## Lecture Themes:

### I. Introduction and Overview of the Approaches to Intergovernmental Relations.

1. Robert Young and Christian Leuprecht, Chapters 1, 2.
2. Herman Bakvis and Grace Skogstad, *Canadian Federalism: Performance, Effectiveness, Legitimacy*, Chapter 1.
3. Neil Bradford, *Commissioning Ideas*, Chapter 1.
4. Stephen Tomblin, *Ottawa and the Outer Provinces*, Chapter 1, 2.
5. Edwin Black, *Divided Loyalties*, Chapter 1.
6. Roger Gibbens, *Regionalism: Territorial Politics in Canada and the United States*. Chapter 2

### II. Institutions and Processes

1. Herman Bakvis and Grace Skogstad, Chapters 2, 4, 5, 6
2. Robert Young and Christian Leuprecht, Chapters 4, 5.

### III. Politics and Policy

1. Francois Rocher and Mariam Smith, "The Four Dimensions of Canadian Federalism," in Francois Rocher and Mariam Smith, editors, *New Trends in Canadian Federalism* (second edition), Broadview Press (2004), 21-44.
2. Jennifer Smith, "The Constitutional Debate and Beyond," Francois Rocher and Mariam Smith, editors, *New Trends in Canadian Federalism* (second edition), Broadview Press (2004), 45-66.
3. Kathryn Harrison, "Passing the Buck" in Francois Rocher and Mariam Smith, editors, *New Trends in Canadian Federalism* (second edition), Broadview Press (2004), 313-352.

### IV. Case-studies

1. Herman Bakvis and Grace Skogstad, Chapters 7, 8, 10, 12, 13.
2. Robert Young and Christian Leuprecht, Chapter 13, 15.

### V. Conclusion

1. Herman Bakvis and Grace Skogstad, Chapters 16, 17, 18.

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