COURSE TITLE: Comparative Northern Development (Fall 2017)  
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http://www.unbc.ca/politicalscience/

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This seminar course explores issues and strategies of northern development in comparative context. The course will examine and discuss a variety of topics relating to governance and politics, economic and social development, and indigenous peoples in the provincial, territorial and circumpolar norths.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- To discuss and evaluate the issues and concepts that influence public policy and development in the countries of the Circumpolar North
- To enhance the students’ understanding of political science methods and approaches
- To prepare students for careers in government, the media, business and academia
REQUIRED TEXTS and READINGS:


2. Various Readings (available electronically at the UNBC Library or on the Internet)

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADE WEIGHTING

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Research Paper Outline and Preliminary Bibliography. You will be required to develop a two page (double-spaced) outline for your research paper. This outline should provide a brief overview of your topic and the different sections of your paper. In addition to the two page outline, you must also include a 1 page preliminary bibliography of sources that you will use in your paper. This assignment will be worth 10% of the final grade for the course. You are strongly encouraged to discuss your topic in advance with the Instructor.

Research Paper. You will be required to research and write a 20 page (double-spaced) paper based on the outline that you submitted in October. This paper will be worth 25% of the final grade for the course. An electronic copy of your research paper will be due on Tuesday November 14.

Group Presentation. You will be required to participate in a group presentation on a topic related to northern development. Some suggested topics include education, healthcare, women and gender, and economic development. This presentation will be worth 15% of the final grade for the course.

Participation. Participation in class discussions will be worth 20% of the final grade for the course. You will be expected to attend the weekly seminars and read and be prepared to discuss the assigned readings. Please note that as a graduate student, you will be expected to assume a leadership role in class discussions.

Final Exam. The final exam will cover all of the material presented in the course. You will be provided with a list of questions in the last week of classes. Some of these
questions will appear on the final exam. The date and time of the final exam will be set by the Registrar. The final exam will be worth 30% of the final grade for the course.

DEPARTMENT POLICIES

Extension Policy: Extensions on tests and assignments are not permitted, except in case of illness or serious extenuating circumstances. In the event of illness or serious extenuating circumstances, the student must inform the instructor before the due date, and documentary evidence of the illness or serious extenuating circumstances must be provided to the instructor. In the case of written assignments, the student must also provide the instructor with a draft of his or her assignment at the time of the illness or serious extenuating circumstances, indicating that substantial progress has already been made towards a final product. Please note that written assignments must be submitted in hard copy to the instructor before the start of class on the day that the assignment is due. Assignments submitted after this time/date and/or in electronic form, without an approved extension, will be late and will be subject to a penalty of 10% per day.

Travel Policy: Please note that the term ends on the final day of the exam period NOT on the last day of classes. Students are advised not to make arrangements to travel on a date prior to the date of the final exam as scheduled by the Registrar. The instructor will not hold early or make-up exams for the purpose of accommodating travel requests.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism is a serious academic offence. The minimum penalty sought for any student caught plagiarizing on any written assignment will be failure in the course. Depending on the circumstances more severe sanctions may be sought. Anyone who is unclear about the meaning of plagiarism is advised to consult the university calendar and the instructor.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Writing and Studying Skills: Writing and studying workshops and tutors are available at the University’s Academic Success Centre. For more information, consult the following website: http://www.unbc.ca/academic-success-centre

Research Skills: The Geoffrey R. Weller Library offers a range of supports for research. Please consult the library homepage (http://library.unbc.ca) or talk to one of the librarians for helpful advice on a variety of topics such as: search strategies; finding books and articles; using government documents and Internet resources; evaluating materials; and citing sources.

Access Resource Centre: If there are students in this course who, because of a disability, may have need for special academic accommodations, please come and discuss this with the instructor, or contact staff at the Access Resource Centre (arc@unbc.ca) located in the Teaching and Learning Centre, Room 10-1048 at the Prince George campus. Students
can also call the ARC at: (250) 960-5682. Regional students can call the ARC toll-free at: 1-888-960-5682.

COURSE SCHEDULE

September 11: Course Introduction and Overview

September 18: Northern British Columbia: An Introduction


September 25: Northern British Columbia: Peoples and Communities


October 2: Northern British Columbia: Industry and Development


October 9: Thanksgiving – No Class

October 16: Multilevel Governance in the Circumpolar North


October 23: Canadian Territorial North


October 30: Development in the Russian North


November 6: Development in Greenland


- Film: *Village at the End of the World* (shown in class)
November 13: Remembrance Day – No Class

November 20: Group Presentations

November 27: Group Presentations