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Course Objectives

The course will examine the international and domestic factors influencing the development of Canada's immigration policy in the past, present and future, including the domestic and international legal context within which Canadian immigration policy is situated.

It will begin by looking at the history of Canada's immigration policies and historical data will be presented to demonstrate the significant changes over time, of the source countries, composition of immigrant intake, and regional differences in settlement patterns.

Current issues impacting on world-wide migration trends will be explored and comparisons will be made with the responses of other major immigrant receiving countries and with countries that have a more "ambivalent" approach to immigration.

Special attention will be paid to the economic, social and humanitarian objectives of Canada's immigration policy and how they are achieved both in the legislative framework and practice. There will be a review of the provisions pertaining to economic immigrants (skilled workers, provincial nominees, investors, entrepreneurs and self-employed), temporary entrants (caregivers, temporary workers, international students, seasonal agricultural workers, visitors), as well as a review of the policies pertaining to family reunification.

Canada's policies regarding the selection of refugees and designated humanitarian classes overseas and the refugee determination process for those who arrive at our borders, will be discussed in relation to our international obligations as a signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Status of Refugees.

Ways to ensure the enforcement and integrity of the immigration programme will also be presented particularly in light of increased concern about security and public safety and our relationship with the United States.

The political, social, and economic factors taken into account by the government when determining its immigration policies and annual immigration plan (levels and mix) will be explored throughout the course.

The final section of the course will look at the various federal-provincial agreements on immigration to explore the different approaches taken across the country by provincial governments and the underlying rationales for these differences. Given the primarily local urban/metropolitan impact of immigration movements, the role of cities and non-government organizations will also be discussed, particularly in the settlement and integration of immigrant populations.

A variety of critiques of Canada's legislation and policies will be presented throughout the course, and current domestic and international issues will be analyzed through an immigration policy lens to ascertain potential public policy implications for the future.

Students will learn and be expected to demonstrate oral and written communication skills, analytical and critical ability, and research and information gathering techniques normally required in the workplace at the policy analyst level.

Course Format and Requirements

Students will be expected to participate actively in the class, do the assigned readings, conduct field interviews, prepare briefing materials on current issues, make group and individual presentations to the class, provide constructive criticism on colleagues' work, and submit a final paper.

Grades will be assigned as follows:

Class participation	10%
Report on Field Interviews	15%
Briefing Note and Presentation	15%
Group Presentation to Class	30%
Final Paper	30 %