

COURSE CODE: BUAD 425

COURSE TITLE: BUSINESS & CANADIAN GOVERNMENT POLICY

Calendar Description

This course examines Canadian government institutions, structures and practices that impact business planning and operations. Industry associations are studied with a special focus on government agencies and programs that offer assistance and services to small and medium-sized businesses. Decision-making models are introduced to understand government policy formation. Key federal, provincial, and municipal legislation and policies are examined (also offered by Distance Education).

Prerequisite(s): BUAD 113 or ECON 115 & 125; third-year standing

Co-requisite(s): None

Prerequisite for: None

Substitutable Courses: None

Graduation Requirement: BBA - Required

Transfer Credit: None

Special Notes: Students with credit for BUAD 325 cannot take BUAD 425 for additional credit.

Credits: 3

Hours per Week: 3

Originally Developed: August 2013

EDCO Approval: January 2014

CHAIR'S APPROVAL:



Learning Outcomes

Outcome	Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:
1	Evaluate findings from secondary research related to current public policy issues.
2	Explain the trade-off between efficiency and fairness as it relates to specific public policy and Canadian business.
3	Apply the normative approach to government policy.
4	Apply the positive approach to government policy.
5	Analyze the economic implications associated with government policy initiatives.
6	Explain the impact of government policy initiatives on Canadian business.
7	Recommend new public policy alternatives to political leaders and prepare a scholarly argument to support these new initiatives.

Course Objectives

Objectives	This course will cover the following content See the weekly Course schedule
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Generative AI

Students are permitted to use artificial intelligence tools, including generative AI tools such as ChatGPT or Bing Chat, to gather information, review concepts, or help produce assignments. However, students are ultimately accountable for the work they submit, and any content generated or supported by an artificial intelligence tool must be cited appropriately (see How to cite ChatGPT (apa.org)). For further information regarding the use of AI tools, see 'Using Generative AI In This Course' posted on Moodle.

Professors

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Evaluation Procedure

Term Work – Moodle Quizzes	25 %
Term Project	25 %
Mid-Term Exam	20 %
Final Exam	30 %
Total	100 %

Required Materials

Brander, J., ed. (2023). Government Policy, Business, & Society. 6th ed. Independently published. Available at Amazon [here](#).

Notes

***You must pass the exam portion of the course (25/50) to pass the course.**

Course Schedule

(Subject to change at the discretion of the professor)

Date			Topic	Textbook
2025 Week of:			Mon, Jul 7 Classes begin Session II Mon, Aug 4 Statutory holiday (no classes) Mon, Aug 15 Last day of classes for Session II August 19th, 20 th Final Exam Period	Chapter(s):
JULY 6	to	JULY 12	Topic # 1 - Introduction / Basic Economic Concepts Topic # 2 - Theories of Government	Brander Ch 1, 3 & 6
JULY 13		JULY 19	Topic # 3 - Fairness & Ethics in Government Policy Topic # 4 - Markets and the Business Environment	Brander Ch 2, 4 & 5
JULY 20		JULY 26	Topic # 5 - International Trade Policy Topic # 6 - Environmental Policy	Brander Ch 8, 9, 10 & the Appendix Miller Ch 31 & 9
JULY 27		AUG 2	MIDTERM EXAM Topic # 7 - Natural Resource Policy Topic # 8 - Competition Policy	Brander Ch 11 & 12
AUG 3		AUG 9	Topic # 9 - Regulation & Public Enterprise Topic # 10 - Health Policy	Brander Ch 13 & Ch 5 Again
AUG 10		AUG 15	Topic # 11 - Innovation Policy Topic # 12 - Housing Policy	Brander Ch 14 & Assigned Readings

Skills Across the Business Curriculum

The Okanagan School of Business promotes core skills across the curriculum. These skills include reading, written and oral communications, computers, small business, and academic standards of ethics, honesty and integrity.

Student Conduct and Academic Honesty

What is the Disruption of Instructional Activities?

At Okanagan College (OC), disruption of instructional activities includes student “conduct which interferes with examinations, lectures, seminars, tutorials, group meetings, other related activities, and with students using the study facilities of OC”, as well as conduct that leads to property damage, assault, discrimination, harassment and fraud. Penalties for disruption of instructional activities include a range of sanctions from a warning and/or a failing grade on an assignment, examination or course to suspension from OC.

What is Cheating?

“Cheating includes but is not limited to dishonest or attempted dishonest conduct during tests or examinations in which the use is made of books, notes, diagrams or other aids, excluding those authorized by the examiner. It includes communicating with others to obtain information, copying from the work of others and purposely exposing or conveying information to other students who are taking the test or examination.”

Students must submit independently written work. Students may not write joint or collaborative assignments with other students unless the instructor approves it in advance as a group/team project. Students who share their work with other students are equally involved in cheating.

What is Plagiarism?

Plagiarism is defined as “the presentation of another person’s work or ideas without proper or complete acknowledgement.” It is the serious academic offence of reproducing someone else’s work, including words, ideas and media, without permission for course credit towards a certificate, diploma, degree and/or professional designation. The defining characteristic is that the work is not yours.

“Intentional plagiarism is the deliberate presentation of another’s work or ideas as one’s own.” Intentional plagiarism can be a copy of material from a journal article, a book chapter, data from the Internet, another student, work submitted for credit in another course or from other sources.

“Unintentional plagiarism is the inadvertent presentation of another’s work or ideas without proper acknowledgement because of poor or inadequate practices. Unintentional plagiarism is a failure of scholarship; intentional plagiarism is an act of deceit.”

What are the Students’ Responsibilities to Avoid Plagiarism?

Students have a responsibility to read the OC Plagiarism Policy and Procedures outlined in the OC calendar, which is available in online format www.okanagan.bc.ca. Students must acknowledge the sources of information used on all their assignments. This usually involves putting the authors’ names and the year of publication in parentheses after the sentence in which you used the material, then at the end of your paper, writing out the complete references in a Reference section.

“Students are responsible for learning and applying the proper scholarly practices for acknowledging the work and ideas of others. Students who are unsure of what constitutes plagiarism should refer to the UBC publication “*Plagiarism Avoided; Taking Responsibility for your Work*”. This guide is available in OC bookstores and libraries.

Students are expected to understand research and writing techniques and documentation styles. The Okanagan School of Business requires the use of the APA or MLA style, but suggests that students cite references using the APA guidelines (see Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 6th edition (2009)). A copy of the APA manual is available in the reference section and also available for circulation from OC libraries. The library website has access to these two major citing styles.

What are the Penalties for Plagiarism and Cheating?

The Okanagan School of Business does not tolerate plagiarism or cheating. All professors actively check for plagiarism and cheating, and the Okanagan School of Business subscribes to an electronic plagiarism detection service. All incidents of plagiarism or cheating are reported and result in a formal letter of reprimand outlining the nature of the infraction, the evidence and the penalty. The Dean of the Okanagan School of Business and the Registrar record and monitor all instances of plagiarism and cheating. Penalties for plagiarism and cheating reflect the seriousness and circumstances of the offence and the range of penalties includes suspension from OC.