The purpose of this course is to introduce students to multilevel governance; that is, public decision-making which involves governments at various levels and non-governmental agents as well.

We are interested in the forces conducive to this kind of decision-making structure, and in the general patterns and dynamics that it manifests. We will consider all levels of government, and cases from Canada, the United States, and Europe.

**Evaluation**

Students will do two class presentations on a reading (20%). They will write a book review (25%) and a short research paper (35%). Students will also be graded on the quantity and quality of class participation (20%). The book review will be due October 17th and the research paper will be due December 12th.

**OUTLINE**

All of the articles are available on line through the library's Summon search engine. Book chapters will be sent to students by e-mailed PDF.

**Part I: Basic concepts**

**September 8:** Multilevel governance: intergovernmental relations and governance

**September 15:** Supranationalism

September 22: Decentralization


September 29: Groups and citizens


Part II: Structures and dynamics

October 6: Horizontal intergovernmental competition


October 20: Vertical intergovernmental competition


**October 27:** Conceptions of Canadian federalism


**November 3:** Incorporating the local level


**November 10:** Problems: co-ordination


**November 17:** Problems: accountability


**November 24:** Issues: Political parties


**December 1:** Issues: Aboriginal peoples


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http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholastic_discipline_grad.pdf