

GOVERNMENT & THE MEDIA

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8:30-9:45 MW AT-101

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An examination of the influence of the media, and the impact of government policy, especially as set out in the federal and provincial legislation, on the growth and operation of the mass media in Canada. Particular attention will be given to the continuing debate on television and radio regulation and ownership, restraints on film and the press, and issues raised by new technology.

This course explores the relationships between government (policy and regulation) and the electronic mass media/telecommunications industry in Canada with special attention to the public law. The following are some of the topic areas addressed: images of the mass media; public law and media/telecommunications; corporate/governmental relationships, statutory obligations and accountability in media/telecommunications; the Broadcasting Act, the CRTC Act; the CBSC; as well as the legal statutory and common law parameters of news reporting and the new media in Canada.

Grading System Final letter grades assigned as found on page 29-30 of the Saint Mary's University Academic Calendar 2018-2019.

		Due
Workshop 1	5%	Sept 17
Workshop 2	5%	Sept 24
Workshop 3	5%	Oct 1
Workshop 4	5%	Oct 8
Workshop 5	5%	Oct 15
Test	20%	Oct 17
Workshop 6	5%	Oct 29
Workshop 7	5%	Nov 5
Workshop 8	5%	Nov 19
Workshop 9	5%	Nov 26
Workshop 10	5%	Dec 3
Portfolio	10%	TBA
Examination	20%	TBA

Workshops Based on course readings, lectures, documents, videos and class discussions, these in-class workshops are informal work-in-progress notational exercises on course themes, concepts, theories and issues. Handouts outline the components of each workshop with your notes and observations written on your own lined notepaper to be included in your portfolio. Generally Workshops are due the Monday following the week that it is distributed.

Portfolio Your Portfolio is an integrated and meaningful collection of lecture notes, workshops and your reflections and analysis.

MEETINGS & CONTACT Open office hours are Monday through Thursday 1:30 to 2:30 in MN 408. Short questions and formal appointments can be booked through at any time via e-mail: don.naulls@smu.ca.