



PORT CREDIT S.S. COURSE OVERVIEW



Civics & Citizenship - SciTech

DEPARTMENT: Social Science

COURSE CODE: CHV2OR

TEXTBOOK: Ruypers, J. & Ryall, J. (2005) *Canadian Civics* Toronto: Emond Montgomery Publications

TEXTBOOK REPLACEMENT COST: \$70

PREREQUISITE: none

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course explores rights and responsibilities associated with being an active citizen in a democratic society. Students will explore issues of civic importance such as healthy schools, community planning, environmental responsibility, and the influence of social media, while developing their understanding of the role of civic engagement and of political processes in the local, national, and/or global community. Students will apply the concepts of political thinking and the political inquiry process to investigate, and express informed opinions about, a range of political issues and developments that are both of significance in today's world and of personal interest to them.

OVERALL EXPECTATIONS

By the end of the course, students will:

- ✓ use the political inquiry process and the concepts of political thinking when investigating issues, events, and developments of civic importance;
- ✓ apply in everyday contexts skills developed through investigations related to civics and citizenship education, and identify some careers in which civics and citizenship education might be an asset.
- ✓ describe beliefs and values associated with democratic citizenship in Canada, and explain how they are related to civic action and to one's position on civic issues
- ✓ explain, with reference to a range of issues of civic importance, the roles and responsibilities of various institutions, structures, and figures in Canadian governance
- ✓ analyse key rights and responsibilities associated with citizenship, in both the Canadian and global context, and some ways in which these rights are protected
- ✓ analyse a variety of civic contributions, and ways in which people can contribute to the common good
- ✓ assess ways in which people express their perspectives on issues of civic importance and how various perspectives, beliefs, and values are recognized and represented in communities in Canada
- ✓ analyse a civic issue of personal interest and develop a plan of action to address it

PLAGIARISM & ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Students are encouraged to research and use other people's ideas to help prove their hypothesis and argument. However, it is a crime to take these ideas and use them as their own. Students who do the following will be considered to have completed an act of academic dishonesty and/or plagiarism.

- ✓ Directly copy another person's work and claim it as their own
- ✓ Use less than the recommended number of footnotes or references per page
- ✓ Use a thesaurus to simply change some of the key words in a sentence without referencing
- ✓ Paraphrase without properly referencing
- ✓ Reference a work but do not paraphrase sufficiently
- ✓ Do not include a bibliography



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EVALUATION

Assessment and evaluation in this course will be based on provincial curriculum expectations. Evaluation throughout the course and the final evaluation will incorporate four broad categories.

A final grade will be calculated: Term Work = 70%; Final Evaluation = 30%

Knowledge & Understanding	Thinking	Communication	Application	Final Summative Evaluation
TERM WORK			= 70%	30%
Knowledge of facts & terms Understanding of concepts & relationships between concepts	Critical & creative thinking Inquiry skills (generating ideas, formulating questions, planning, selecting strategies & resources)	Communication of ideas & information through writing, visual & oral presentations	Application of concepts, skills & procedures in familiar contexts Transfer of concepts, skills & procedures to new contexts	May take the form of an examination, a final project, a presentation, a formal essay, or a combination of these tasks

The exact weighting of these categories will vary depending on the subject, unit and type of evaluation. Students will also receive descriptive feedback as part of the assessments that will not form part of the student's final marks.

LEARNING SKILLS

The following learning skills will be taught and assessed throughout the course and rated on the report card:

- * **Responsibility**
- * **Collaboration**
- * **Organization**
- * **Initiative**
- * **Independent Work**
- * **Self Regulation**

These skills will not be included in the final numeric mark unless they are part of the provincial curriculum expectations for the course. However, it is important to remember that the development of these skills is critical to academic achievement and does have a direct bearing on the final mark.

AUDIO-VISUAL CURRICULUM DELIVERY

- ✓ Any Social Science curriculum has multi-media instruction as part of the delivery process.
- ✓ Peel District School Board Policy requires parental permission for any media rated 14A-18A by the Ontario Film Board, regardless of the age of the student. It is illegal to show R rated material in the classroom, regardless of parental consent or the age of the student.
- ✓ By signing this course outline, parents acknowledge that material up to and including 18A may be shown in the classroom. If you have any specific concerns, contact the individual teacher.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I acknowledge that I have read & understood the expectations described in this course outline:

Student name (printed): _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____