ASC 400-3 Multiculturalism Policy in Canada  
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PREREQUISITES: 45 units

COURSE CONTENT
Following recommendations tabled in 1969 by the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism, the Canadian government began a long process of developing public policy in support of a national pursuit of integration rather than assimilation of non-Aboriginal, non-French and non-English ethnic groups to the cultural enrichment of Canada. From its early days as policy to 1988, when the Canadian Multiculturalism Act was adopted by Parliament, multiculturalism has undergone continual change in response to wider historic and demographic changes affecting the nation. Transformation has continued, accompanied by more than four decades of critique by politicians and through popular media. We will look at the history of this policy, which many see, perhaps paradoxically, as a defining feature of Canadian identity. We will also critically assess the arguments of critics concerning the viability of multiculturalism public policy and philosophy. Efforts will also be made to incorporate dialogue with community leaders working in areas of policy and the arts in relation to multiculturalism.

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REQUIRED TEXTS
Canadian Multiculturalism Act. 1985, c. 24 (4th Supp.). Online

COURSE REQUIREMENTS
Attendance  5%
Student-led discussion  15%
Reading Quizzes  15%
Paper (3,000 words)  35%
Final Exam  30%

Late written assignments will be accepted with the imposition of a 2% penalty per day.