The first-term test in POL 312Y, Canadian Foreign Policy, will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, from 10h00 to 12h00 (with no break) in Room UC 273 University College.

The test is two hours, with no break in the middle, and no aids allowed.

You may write your answers in legible English or French.

Students will answer two essay questions, each of equal value. The first question, in Part A, is a single mandatory question that all students must answer. In Part B, students will answer one question of their choice, from a list of several questions available.

The test covers all material in the course since the start in September, reflecting the fact that this is a cumulative integrated intellectual experience.

The test, as with the course, centres on developing and applying to the evidence major theories and concepts of Canadian foreign policy. While all the theories and concepts are important, the most important are the three theoretical perspectives on Canadian foreign policy and the meta-theory of hegemonic transition.

In writing the test you should:
• answer the questions actually asked, rather than those you studied for and hoped would be there;
• answer all parts of the question;
• and identify your central answer or argument clearly at the start, so both the you and the reader know what it is as you write.

In studying for the test, start with the lectures, then the textbook, then the required readings for each week. The text of three lectures (the Mulroney-Campbell Years, the Chrétien-Martin and the Harper Years) are available on the G8 Information Centre website (partway down the page in the centre column, under “G8 Teaching,” click on “Teaching Program” and click on POL312 Canadian Foreign Policy, or go to <www.g8.utoronto.ca/teaching/312>). The published materials cover essentially Prime Minister Harper’s first four months in office, whereas the lecture notes cover the almost four years that his government has been in office. You should read the lecture notes before the test.