This course examines nations and nationalism primarily in Europe, but also pays some attention to nationalism in other parts of the world, including North America. The course will combine theoretical and empirical materials.

Students can expect to become familiar with the theoretical debates that characterize the study of nations and nationalism and related phenomena. You will also be exposed to a fairly wide range of empirical material that will put nationalism and ethnicity in an historical and comparative perspective. Themes include nationalism and modernity, nationalism and state-formation, secession and sub-state nationalism, conflict, war and ethnicity, political accommodation and conflict regulation in multinational and multicultural societies.

Readings

Books ordered for the class:


There also will be a course pack available at McGill Bookstore. The books and the course pack also will be available on 3-hour reserve in McLennan and Redpath Libraries.

Course Evaluation

Mid term 30%
Research paper 40%
Final exam 30%

Note on evaluation: You have the option of weighting these components differently, as long as no part of the grade is weighted more than 40% or less than 30%. If you want to go with a weighting scheme different than the default scheme given above but consistent with this proviso, then you must inform me by email by the date of the midterm exam.
The date of the in-class mid-term will be announced in one of our first class meetings. The date of the formal final exam (three hours) is set by the University and will be announced toward the middle part of the semester. There is an enrollment cap on this course. This means that there will be no conferences. We will meet three times a week in class. Two of these weekly meetings will be lectures. The third contact hour will be a mix of lectures and discussion periods.

**Research Paper**
The research paper should be 20-25 pages (typed, double-spaced). The paper is due on the last day of classes. More details will be provided in class.

The course will be on WEBCT. I will provide reading notes for selected topics and readings. Review questions before the midterm and final exams also will be provided.

**Course Topics and Readings**

**Topic I**  
**Nations and Nationalism: Classic Interpretations**  
Anthony Smith, *Chosen Peoples* (2001), Introduction, Chapter 1. (pp. 9-18, notes 263-264) *Course Pack [CP] isbn 0-19-210017-3*

**Topic II**  
**Interpreting the History of Nationalism: Issues and Alternatives.**  
David A. Bell, *The Cult of the Nation in France* (2001), Introduction, Chapter 1. (pp. 1-21, 22-49) *Course Pack [CP] isbn 0-674-0044-7*  
Linda Colley, *Forging the Nation* 2nd. Ed. (2005), Chapter 1. (pp. 11-54). *[CP] isbn 0-7126-6050-x*  
Anthony Marx, *Faith in Nation* (2003), Chapters 1, 7. (pp. 3-32, 191-206). *[CP] isbn 0-19-5154-82-7*  

**Topic III**  
**Nationalism in Context: Reading a Foundational Text**  

**Topic IV**  
**Nationalism and Liberalism.**  
Topic V Secession, Nationalism, States

Topic VI Nationalism, Ethnicity, Conflict, Violence.
David Lake and Donald Rothchild (eds.), The International Spread of Ethnic Conflict (1998), Chapter Five. (pp. 107-126) [CP] isbn 0-691-01691-7
Monica Duffy Toft, The Geography of Ethnic Violence (2003), Chapter Two. (ppp. 17-33, notes 172-177) [CP] 0-691-11354-8
Nicholas Sambanis, “Do ethnic and nonethnic civil wars have the same causes?” Journal of Conflict Resolution 45 (2001), pp. 259-282. [CP]

Topic VII Power-Sharing and Power-Dividing in Multinational Societies
Philip G. Roeder and Donald Rothchild, (eds.) Sustainable Peace (2005), Chapter One. ((pp. 1-25) [CP] isbn 0-8014-8974-1

Topic VIII Islam, Nations and States in Europe
Jytte Klausen, The Islamic Challenge: Politics and Religion in Western Europe (2005), Chapter One. (pp. 15-51) [CP] isbn 0-19-928992-1