

# Mid-term study guide: POLS-1000

## Key Terms to Review

**For the definition section of the test, focus on these core concepts (drawn from the textbook and our class discussions):**

- **Authority** – consider legitimate vs. illegitimate authority
- **Power** – consider coercion, persuasion, influence
- **State** – consider sovereignty, institutions, monopoly on force
- **Politics** – consider power, decision-making, authoritative distribution of resources
- **Civil society**
- **Institutions** (legislative, executive, judicial, bureaucratic)
- **Democracy** (representative, participatory)
- **Ideology**
- **Classical liberalism**
- **Social contract**
- **Legitimacy**
- **Social movements**

## Study Tips

- Practice explaining these terms in your own words.
- Tie at least one concept to a Canadian example drawn from in class discussions
- Contrast terms (e.g., power vs. authority, state vs. civil society).
- Write out practice answers before the test so you can focus on clarity under time pressure.

You will be asked to produce 2-3 short paragraphs for each question; there will be four questions to choose from.