

Political Science 101 Spring Semester, 2001
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COURSE INFORMATION SHEET

The assignments for the course are clearly listed for each day on the assignment sheet. It is expected that you will have completed the week's readings, exercises, and special assignments by Friday's discussion sessions each week.

This is a multi-media course utilizing lectures, films, videotapes, computer exercises, the Internet, and classroom discussion sessions. You will read seven books during the semester. All of these components have been explicitly organized for you by a series of study guides in the book, WHO RULES? INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS. All texts for the course are the University Bookstore at Circle Center. We will be utilizing the computer for some exercises and Internet class discussions. Special instructions will be provided to guide you in using the computer for this course by the fourth week of class.

First step:

The first step after glancing at these instructions and purchasing your books is to begin reading WHO RULES? You will find in that workbook a study guide for major lectures and films along with the exercises and some of the course readings. You should read the study guide on the Introductory Lecture and TV Program, "The Study of Politics" by Wednesday's class session.

Course grade:

Your grade for the course will be determined by four tests: 1) a midterm examination consisting of 50 questions worth one point each; 2) a 5-10 page paper graded on a scale of zero to 25; 3) a series of computer exercises and contributions to class discussion on the Internet worth 25 points; and 4) a final exam consisting of 50 questions on the last half of the course. If your paper is unsatisfactory, it may be corrected and resubmitted once. The highest possible score for the entire course is thus 150 points. Grades shall be apportioned then as follows:

135-150 = A; 120-134 = B; 100-119 = C; 85-99 = D; Below 85 = E.

If you fail to turn in a paper or fail to take the final exam without permission you will receive automatically a failing grade. The exams are a special type of multiple choice exam as shown on page 50 of WHO RULES? They are machine scored. Your papers are due on **April 6**. They will be grade and returned on April 13 and may be rewritten once, if necessary.

My office hours are on Mondays and Wednesday at 10 a.m. or you may see me by appointment. My office is 1108 D BSB. There are three separate teaching assistants for the course and you will meet with your teaching assistant this Friday and they will provide you with their office address and office hours then.

Course Assumptions:

This course has been carefully designed to make sure that you will have a powerful introduction to the study of politics and the basic tools of analysis, philosophy and action so that you may become a political leader.

POLITICAL SCIENCE 101 SYLLABUS

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>REQUIRED READING</u>
I Jan 8-12	Introductory Lecture TV Program: "The Study of Politics" Discussion: The Study of Politics and The philosophy of George Washington Plunkitt	<u>Who Rules?</u> pp.3-6; 111-112. <u>Plunkitt of Tammany Hall</u> (First half, pp. vii - 60)
II Jan. 15	Martin Luther King Holiday	
Jan. 17	Lecture on Political Philosophy	<u>Who Rules?</u> pp.7-9
Jan. 19	Discussion: How does one choose their political philosophy?	
III Jan. 22-26	Movie: "The Lord of the Flies" Exercise: Pol. Info. (2 days) Lecture on Political Action Discussion: Political Info	<u>Who Rules?</u> pp. 16-18 113-116, due Jan. 24. <u>Who Rules?</u> pp. 10-12 <u>Plunkitt</u> (Second half, pp. 61-98).

	Questionnaire and Political Action	
IV Jan. 29- Feb. 2	<p>Movie: "The Triumph of the 'The Federalist Will' Papers" #10, 47, & 51. Lecture: Plunkitt and the Federalists</p> <p>Begin Internet Political Info Questionnaire.</p> <p>Discussion: Internet exercise and Plunkitt and the Federalists.</p>	<u>Who Rules?</u> pp. 135-142
V Feb. 5-9	<p>Movie: "Bulworth (2 days)</p> <p>Lecture: Different Types of Elections and Internet Questionnaire</p>	<p><u>The Communist Manifesto</u> (all)</p> <p>Internet Questionnaire due On February 9th</p>
VI Feb. 12-16	<p>Movie: "By the People" (2 days) Discussion: Participatory Elections and Exercise</p>	<p>"The Port Huron Statement" <u>Who Rules?</u> pp. 143-148. Exer: Theory and Hypotheses & Table Reading.</p>
VII Feb. 19-23	<p>Movie: The Race for Mayor</p> <p>Lecture: Port Huron and Analysis of Plunkitt and the Federalists. Chicago Politics and the Federalist Papers</p>	<p>"Reflections on the Revolution in France" <u>Who Rules?</u> pp. 149-161. Exer: Initial Burkean Conservatism <u>Turn in Feb. 23.</u></p>
VIII Feb. 15-	<p>Movie: "The War Room" (2 days)</p>	<u>Behind the Oval Office</u> , First half.

March 2	Discussion: Review for Midterm Exam	
IX March 5-9	Movie: "1996 Elections" <u>MIDTERM EXAM, March 7th</u>	<u>Behind the Oval Office</u> , Second half.
March 9	Discussion: Midterm Exams Returned	
March 10-18	SPRING BREAK	
X March 19-23	Movie: "King" (2 days) Discussion: The Civil Rights Movement	<u>The Declaration of Independence</u> pp. 3-134.
XI March 26-30	Lecture: Non-Electoral Politics Lecture: The Declaration of Independence. Discussion: The Declaration and Non-Electoral Politics	<u>The Declaration of Independence</u> pp. 135-279. Exer: Alabama Literacy Test
XI April 2-6	Movie: "In Order to Change" Lecture: Electoral Behavior Discussion: Alinsky Strategy and Tactics	<u>Political Behavior of the American Electorate</u> (First half). <u>Who Rules?</u> pp. 66-68 <u>Exer.: 5 page paper on political philosophy due April 6.</u>
III April 9-13	Movie: "Out of the Home and into the House"	<u>Political Behavior of the American</u>

Movie: "The Trouble-Makers

Electorate. Second
half.

Discussion: American
Political Behavior

XIV
April 16-20

Movie: "Columbia Revolt"

Winning Elections
pp. 1-102.

Movie: "The Battle of Algiers"
Part I

Discussion: Confrontation
and Revolution

XV
April 23-27

Movie: "The Battle of Algiers"

Winning Elections
pp. 103-191.

Final Review Lecture/Study for Final

Discussion: Final Exam and
Winning Elections

Final Exam
Tuesday, May 1, 8-10 a.m.