

Political Science 103
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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. You need to be sure that you have an email account as instructions on the computer exercises will be given over the Internet and completed exercises will be submitted by email.

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. We will review in class on August 27th the study guide on the Introductory Lecture and TV Program, "The Study of Politics" and answer the questions on the TV Program together.

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 philosophy paper graded on a scale of zero to 25; 3) a series of exercises including the Internet and written film reaction exercises and your contributions to class discussions are worth up to 15 points; and 4) either work on a political campaign or a civic education project worth 10 points; and 5) a final exam consisting of 50 questions on the last half of the course is worth 50 points. If your philosophy paper is

unsatisfactory, it may be corrected and resubmitted once. The highest possible score for the entire course is thus 150 points.

You may earn an extra 10 bonus points by working for any campaign in the November election before and on election day. 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 your 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 philosophy papers are due on November 14th. They will be graded and returned on November 21st and may be rewritten once, if necessary.

My office hours are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. or you may see me by appointment. My office is 1108D BSB. Your teaching assistant is Erin Van Klyton. His office hours are 1:15-2:15 p.m. on Thursday or by appointment. He will provide you with his office address and email address when he meets with you Thursday August 29th in discussion group.

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.

Final Reminder:

Please remember to turn off your cell phone or pager when you enter the classroom. They can be a major disturbance to your classmates. If you interrupt the class more than once because of them points will be taken from your final grade!

POLITICAL SCIENCE 103 SYLLABUS

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>REQUIRED READING</u>
I Aug 27-29	Introductory Lecture and 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 and <u>Plunkitt of Tammany Hall</u> (First half, pp. vii - 60)
II Sept 3-5	Lecture on Political Philosophy Discussion: How do you choose your political philosophy?	<u>Who Rules?</u> pp.7-9 <u>Plunkitt</u> (Second half, pp. 61-98).
III Sept 10-12	Lecture on Political Action Movie: "The Lord of the Flies" Exercise: Pol.Info. Questionnaire	<u>Who Rules?</u> pp. 10-12 and 16-18 pp.55-59, due on Sept. 12
IV Sept 17-19	Lecture: Plunkitt and the Federalists Discussion of Political Info 77. Questionnaire, Political Flies"	"The Federalist Papers"#10,47,&51. <u>Who Rules?</u> pp. 70- Lecture Notes: <u>Who</u> Action, and "Lord of the <u>Rules?</u> pp. 13-16. Begin Internet Questionnaire, due on Oct. 1
V Sept 24-26	Movie: "Primary Colors"	<u>The Communist Manifesto</u> (all)

	Discussion: Different Types of Elections, Internet Questionnaire, And "Primary Colors"	Internet Questionnaire due On Oct. 1 by Email to Discussion Leader.
		Write 3 Page Reaction Paper to "Primary Colors" Due Oct. 3
VI Oct 1-3	Movie: "By the People"	"The Port Huron Statement" <u>Who Rules?</u> pp. 78-83.
	Discussion: Participatory Elections and Exercise	Exer: Theory and Hypotheses & Table Reading, <u>Who Rules?</u> Pp. 60-63.
		<u>Film Reaction Paper</u> Due Oct. 3
VII Oct 8-10	Movie: "The Race for Mayor"	"Reflections on the Revolution in France" <u>Who Rules?</u> pp. 84-96.
	Lecture: Port Huron Radical- ism and Burkean Conservatism	Exer: Initial Analysis of Plunkitt and the Federalists. <u>Turn in Oct 17.</u>
VIII Oct 15-17	Movie: "The War Room"	<u>The Perfect Tie.</u> First half.
	Movie: "1996 Elections" and "Election 2000"	Initial Analysis Due Oct 17
IX Oct 22-24	Review for Midterm Exam	<u>The Perfect Tie.</u> Second half.
	MIDTERM EXAM, Oct. 24	
X Oct 29-31	Lecture/Discussion: America and Chicago	<u>American Government</u> <u>In A Changed World</u>

	After Sept. 11th	(All) "Uncertainty In Chicago's Future" <u>Who Rules?</u> pp. 97- 100
	Movie: "King"	
XI Nov 5-7	Lecture: Non- Electoral Politics	<u>The Declaration of Independence</u> (First Half)
	Lecture: The Declaration of Independence.	Exer: Alabama Literacy Test <u>Who Rules?</u> pp. 67- 69.
XII Nov 12-14	Movie: "In Order to Change"	<u>The Declaration of Independence</u> (Second Half)
	Movie: "Out of the Home and into the House"	<u>Who Rules?</u> pp. 41-43 Exer.: 5 page paper on political philosophy due November 14
XIII Nov 19-21	Lecture: Winning Elections - How it is done in practice And discussion of Nov. 2002 Election Outcomes	<u>Winning Elections</u> pp. 1-102.
	Discussion: Non-violent Non-electoral Strategies	
XIV Nov 26-28	Movie: "Columbia Revolt" Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Holiday	<u>Winning Elections</u> pp. 103-191.
XV Dec 3-5	Movie: "The Battle of Algiers" Final Review Lecture	Study for Final

Final Exam
Friday, Dec. 13, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

