

Political Science 190
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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 Aug 26-29	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 Sept 2-5	Lecture on Political Philosophy Movie: "The Lord of the Flies" Discussion: How does one choose their political philosophy?	<u>Who Rules?</u> pp.7-9, 16-18 <u>Plunkitt</u> (Second half, pp. 61-98).
III Sept 9-12	Lecture on Political Action Political Information Movie: "The Triumph of the Will"	<u>Who Rules?</u> pp. 10-12 Questionnaire pp. 55-59, due on Sept. 12 th

Discussion of Political
Philosophy, Political Action
and the two films:
"Lord.." and "Triumph.."

IV
Sept. 16-19

Lecture: Plunkitt and the
Federalist Papers" #10, 47,
& 51.

Who Rules? pp. 70-77

Movie: "Primary Colors"

Lecture Notes and Discussion
Of Political Information

Study guide on Questionnaire
Political Action in Who Rules
pp. 10-12

Begin Internet Questionnaire, due
On Oct. 3rd

V
Sept. 23-26

Movie: "By the People"
(2 days)

The Communist
Manifesto (all)

Lecture: Different Types
of Elections, Primary
Colors and By the People

VI
Sept. 30-
Oct. 3rd

Lecture: The Communist
Manifesto

"The Port Huron
Statement"
Who Rules? pp. 78-83

Discussion: Participatory
Elections and Exercise

Exer: Theory and
Hypotheses & Table
Reading.

Who Rules? pp. 60-63

VII
Oct. 7-10

Lecture: Burkean Conservatism
"Reflections on the Revolution in
France"

Who Rules? pp. 84-96.

Movie: "The War Room"

Discussion of Primary Colors &
The War Room

Analysis of Plunkitt and the
Federalists. (Turn in Oct. 17th)

VIII Oct. 14-17	<p>Movie: "1996 Elections" <u>The Perfect Tie</u>. (First half)</p> <p>Movie: "Election 2000" Initial Analysis due Oct. 17th</p> <p><i>**Oct 17: Youth Agenda Convention</i></p>
IX Oct. 21-24	Lecture on the 2000 Election <u>The Perfect Tie</u> . (Second half)
Oct. 23	Review for Midterm Exam
Oct. 24	<u>MIDTERM EXAM</u> in Discussion Sections
X Oct. 28-31	<p>Uncertainty in America and Chicago <u>Who Rules?</u> pp. 97-99</p> <p>Chicago's Future After Sept. 11, 2001 Who Rules? pp. 100-117</p> <p>Movie: "King" Armstrong, Fundamentalism, and Political Philosophy A Sample of Decrees</p> <p>Discussion of Fundamentalist Taliban and America since Sept. 11, 2001</p>
XI Nov. 4-7	<p>Lecture: Non- Electoral Politics <u>The Declaration of Independence</u> (First half)</p> <p>Lecture: The Declaration of Independence. Exer: Alabama Literacy Test</p> <p>Discussion: The Declaration and Non-Electoral Politics <u>Who Rules?</u> pp. 67-69</p>
XII Nov. 11-14	<p>Movie: "In Order to Change" <u>Who Rules?</u> pp. 41-43</p>

Movie: "Out of the Home and Into the House"

Exer: 5 page paper on political philosophy due Nov. 14th

Discussion: Lobbying, Organizing, and Pressure Politics

Lobbying, Campaign, or voter registration project due on Nov. 21

XIII
Nov. 18-21

Lecture: Alinsky organizing
Rules for Radicals (First half)

Movie: "Too Flawed to Fix: Illinois Death Penalty

Discussion: Non-violent Non-electoral Strategies

Lobbying, campaign or voter registration materials turned in Nov. 21

XIV
Nov. 25-28

Movie: "Columbia Revolt"
Rules for Radicals (second half)

Nov. 27-28, Thanksgiving Holiday

XV
Dec. 2-5

Movie: "The Battle of Algiers"

Study for Final

Final Review Lecture

Final Review Discussion

Final Exam
Friday, Dec. 12m 1-3 p.m.