

Political Science 101
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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	<u>Who Rules?</u> pp.3-6; 111-112.
	TV Program: "The Study of Politics"	<u>Plunkitt of Tammany Hall</u> (First half, pp. vii - 60)
	Discussion: The Study of Politics and The philosophy of George Washington Plunkitt	
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 18 Jan. 22-26 Info.	Movie: "The Lord of the Flies"	<u>Who Rules?</u> pp. 16- Exercise: Pol.

(2 days) 113-116, due on
Jan. 24.

12 Lecture on Political Action Who Rules? pp. 10-
Plunkitt (Second
Discussion: Political Info half, pp. 61-98).
Questionnaire and Political
Action

IV Movie: "The Triumph of the "The Federalist
Jan. 29- Will"

Papers"#10,47,
&51.

Feb. 2 Who Rules? pp. 135-
Lecture: Plunkitt and the 142.
Federalists

Begin Internet Political Info
Questionnaire.

Discussion: Internet exercise and
Plunkitt and the Federalists.

V Movie:
"Bulworth"
Feb. 5-9 (2 days) The Communist
Manifesto (all)

Lecture: Different Types Internet
of Elections and Internet Questionnaire due
Questionnaire On February 9th

VI Movie: "By the People" "The Port Huron
Feb. 12-16 (2 days) Statement" Who
Rules? pp. 143-
Discussion: Participatory 148.
Elections and Exercise

Exer: Theory and
Hypotheses & Table
Reading.

VII Movie: "The Race for Mayor" "Reflections on the
Feb. 19-23 Revolution in
France" Who Rules?

pp. 149-161.

Lecture: Port Huron and
Burkean Conservatism
Plunkitt
Federalists. Chicago Politics and the Turn
in Feb. 23.
Federalist Papers

Exer: Initial
Analysis of
and the

VIII
Feb. 15-

Movie: "The War Room"

Behind the Oval
(2 days)
Office, First half.

March 2

Discussion: Review for
Midterm Exam

IX
March 5-9

Movie: "1996 Elections"

Behind the Oval
Office, Second

half.

MIDTERM EXAM, March 7th

March 9

Discussion: Midterm
Exams Returned

March 10-18

SPRING BREAK

X

March 19-23

(2 days)

Movie: "King"
The Declaration
of Independence
pp. 3-134.

Discussion: The Civil
Rights Movement

XI
March 26-30

Lecture: Non-
Electoral Politics

The Declaration of
Independence
pp. 135-279.

Lecture: The Declaration
of Independence.

Exer: Alabama
Literacy Test

Discussion: The Declaration
and Non-Electoral Politics

XI
April 2-6

Movie: "In Order to Change"

Political Behavior
of the American
Electorate First
half.

Lecture: Electoral
Behavior

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Discussion: Alinsky
Strategy and Tactics

Who Rules? pp. 66-
Exer.: 5 page paper
on political
philosophy due
April 6.

XIII
April 9-13

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

Political Behavior
of the American
Electorate. Second
half.

Movie: "The Trouble-Makers

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
Elections
April 23-27

Movie: "The Battle of Algiers"

Winning

pp. 103-191.

Final Review Lecture

Study for Final

Discussion: Final Exam and
Winning Elections

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