

LOS ANGELES MISSION COLLEGE

Political Science 1: AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

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VERY IMPORTANT RULE!

Grades will not be affected by the political views or comments of the students. Please remember that our FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION is provided and protected by the American constitution. That being said to show **RESPECT** for your fellow students' beliefs, views, and ideas is the number one priority! Disrespectful comments, foul language, verbal attacks **ARE NOT** permitted. I reserve the right to drop student that engage in these kinds of behavior.

Course Description and Objectives:

The primary objective of this class is to introduce students to the basic concepts and ideas of the American political system, showing the extent to which politics and the government is a part of our daily lives. In order to realize this goal, we will explore how American government was established, the ideology behind this establishment, and the meaning of the American constitution. Analysis of American government branches (the executive, legislative, and the judiciary), in addition to political participation, interest groups, and the media will also take place. Finally, an exploration of the American political system as compared to other countries will help us define what the proper worldview of the American political system ought to be.

INSTRUCTOR & COLLEGE POLICIES

Welcome to Political Science 1. You have chosen to take this course online in a VERY short period of time. This is a fantastic way to learn the material in a focused and fast way! HOWEVER – it is absolutely CRUCIAL that you do not fall behind in this class...so, you must be ready to work on DAY ONE of the course. By thoroughly reading the syllabus and purchasing your textbook BEFORE class starts you will be in a better position to excel in the course.

In addition to performing well on assignments, discussions, and quizzes, you are also expected to follow the policies outlined below. This is the only way you can excel in the class. Please be sure to ask questions if you are unclear about what the college & I expect from you.

Course Requirements:

To pass this class students must finish all the course assignments, participate in online discussions, and take quizzes.

- You are allowed to take each quiz 2 times only and you will be able to see the correct answers only after the second time. But, the syllabus quiz is an exception. You are allowed to take it 5 times and see the correct answers each time.
- All the written assignments must be submitted in PDF format- pdf,doc,docx
- Read the assigned chapters before taking quizzes, posting discussion responses, and turning in written assignments.
- Looking up answers while taking quizzes is not a good idea, this will not help you either learning or passing the class!
- Look up the definition of words you are not sure of or you do not know at all.
- Incorporate political science terminology into your discussions and assignments. However, this does not mean "copy & paste"!...You will learn these terms while reading the assigned chapters in your textbook.

Late Assignments

I do not accept any late assignments, discussion posts, or quizzes. Please plan accordingly!

[Electronic Communication Rules and Instructor Contact:](#)

If you have questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to contact me via email. Please allow 24-48 hours for a response to your message. **Since electronic communication does not convey "body language", facial expressions, or tone. So, attempts at humor, irony, or sarcasm may be easily misinterpreted. Therefore, careful writing is advised.**

[Course Materials:](#)

1. There is only one required book for the course which can be purchased at the Mission College Bookstore:

American Government and Politics Today: Essentials 2017 Edition by Bardes, Shelley, Schmidt.

2. Students are also expected to follow current events. Ways to do so include following a daily newspaper, for instance the Los Angeles Times, a weekly news magazine, like Time or Newsweek; watching a TV news program covering domestic political news such as "News Hour" on PBS ; and finally, listening to public radio on 89.3 or 89.9FM. You can also have access to most of these papers, magazines, and news programs on the internet.

[Cheating](#)- unauthorized material used during an examination (including electronic devices), changing answers after work has been graded, taking an exam for another student, forging or altering attendance sheets or other documents in the course, looking at another student's paper/scantron/essay/computer or exam with or without their approval is considered cheating. Any student caught cheating will receive a zero for the assignment/exam and referred to the Department chair and/or Student Services for further disciplinary action.

[Plagiarism](#)- Plagiarism is defined as the act of using ideas, words, or work of another person or persons as if they were one's own, without giving proper credit to the original sources. This includes definitions found online on Wikipedia, materials from blogs, twitter, or other similar electronic resources. The following examples are intended to be representative, but not all inclusive:

- failing to give credit by proper citations for others ideas and concepts, data and information,

statements and phrases, and/or interpretations and conclusions.

- failing to use quotation marks when quoting directly from another, whether it be a paragraph, a sentence, or a part thereof
- Paraphrasing the expressions or thought by others without appropriate quotation marks or attribution
- Representing another's artistic/scholarly works such as essays, computer programs, photographs, paintings, drawings, sculptures or similar works as one's own.

First offense, you will receive a zero for the assignment in question. Any further offenses may result in expulsion from the class, as determined by the disciplinary action from the Office of Student Services.

Reasonable Accommodations: If you are a student with a disability and require accommodations, please send me a private email. The sooner I am aware of your eligibility for accommodations, the quicker I will be able to assist the DSP&S Office in providing them.

Performance Evaluation:

Grades are based on the following:

14 Quizzes:	40 points each
Syllabus Test:	40 points
3 Discussions:	75 points each
2 Small Written Assignments:	75 points each
1 Final Paper:	100 points

TOTAL : 1000 POINTS

At the end of the class your points will be translated into letter grades as follows:

- A : 1000-900 points (Outstanding work)
- B : 899- 800 points (Above average)
- C : 799- 700 points (Average work, meets basic requirements)
- D : 699-600 points (Below average, but passing)
- F : 599-0 points (Unsatisfactory, fails to meet basic requirements)

I RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE SLIGHT CHANGES TO THE SYLLABUS THROUGHOUT THE SEMESTER.

CHAPTER(S), ASSIGNMENTS, and/or ASSESSMENTS	
WEEK 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete Syllabus Quiz ✓ Introduce yourself
WEEK 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete Quiz # 1 ✓ Complete Discussion# 1
WEEK 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete Quiz #2 ✓ Complete Assignment #1
WEEK 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete Quiz # 3
WEEK 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete Quiz# 4
WEEK 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete Quiz # 5 ✓ Complete Discussion # 2
WEEK 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete Quiz# 6
WEEK 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete Quiz # 7
Week 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete Quiz # 8
Week 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete Quiz # 9
Week 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete Quiz # 10
Week 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete Quiz # 11
Week 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete Quiz # 12 ✓ Complete Assignment # 2
Week 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete Quiz # 13
Week 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete Quiz # 14
Week 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete Assignment # 3 (Final Paper)

COURSE SLOs

At the end of the semester you will

1. Describe the powers, roles, functions, and limitations of the duties of Federal, state, and local governments and the impact on individuals.
2. Analyze current American domestic and foreign policies and be able to put them into a historical perspective
3. Differentiate initiatives, referendums and recalls in California Constitution and laws.

For those who are majoring and/or wish to major in Political Science at LAMC , here is TMC Degree requirements:

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Transfer Model Associate of Arts Degree Fall 2017 Requirements

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The Associate in Arts for Transfer in Political Science provides students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate major in Political Science for Transfer to CSU

REQUIRED COURSES:

Political Science 1: Government of the United States 3 units

SELECT 3 COURSES:

Political Science 2: Modern World Governments 3 units

Political Science 5: The History of Western Political Thought 3 units

Political Science 7: Modern World Governments 3 units

MATH 227 : Statistics 4 units

SELECT 2 COURSES:

History 11 : Political & Social History of the U.S. 3 units

Sociology 1 : Introduction to Sociology 3 units

PSYC 1 : General Psychology I 3 units

TOTAL : 18-19
units

A minimum of 60 units must be completed to earn Associate in Arts Degree.