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Political Science 1 Course Syllabus-2/2014

Student Learning Objectives

1. To Understand the powers ,roles, functions and limitations of the Federal State, and local governments and their impact upon 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

Required Text: **American Government and Politics,Bookstore Edition**
Bardes,Shelley,Schmidt,Gerston

Required Writing
Assignment

Students are required to write a Ten Page “ Research Solution Paper” outline including references and works cited, in which you must identify a Political problem, discussed in Textbook or Class and propose a solution or public policy that government can implement and explain which Branches of government must be involved and what actions they must perform, in order for the solution or new public policy to be implemented. Instructor must Approve topic and outline.Look at possible topics, found in your online computer search, of Mission college Library, Research Guides, Opposing Views, Law&Politics(View All).

Student Topic Selection,Required by-Feb.25 Paper Outline Draft-Submitted-March 11 **“EXAM**
Paper Outline with Revisions Due – Mar. 25
Final Individual Research Solution Paper **“OUTLINE “** Due -- April 15
Extra-Credit - Research Paper- Group Class Presentations- Scheduled with Professor for Class Presentation
During Month of May- In Class Presentations(10-15 minutes each)
Final Research Paper Due- May 6

Handouts: Distributed in Class and Online Class Emails

Supplemental

Media References
& Readings

PBS-TV—Nightly 6 p.m.,Newshour ,plus CNN,CSPAN,FOX,
Radio---Daily,--FM. 89.3, 89.9, 90.7 and A.M. 870
Local and National Newspapers, and Internet News

Textbook Weekly Reading Assignments

- Feb.11** Chapter 1 - The Democratic Republic
(Unless otherwise specified read all chapter pages)
- Feb.18 Chapter 2- Constitution
Feb.25 Chapter 3- Federalism, Chapter 9, Calif.Local Gov'ts, Grassroots Politics
Mar.4 Chapters 1-3,& 9 Quiz,Scantron,and Review
Mar.11 Exam 1,Scantron
- Mar.11 Exam 1 –Scantrons, plus Research Paper Outline
Mar.18 Review and Chapter 10,The Congress
Mar. 25 Chapter 11,The President, and Quiz
April 7-13 Spring Break, April 7-13
- April 22 Chapter 11,,Presidency-Chapter 12, Bureaucracy
April 29 Exam 2 -Scantrons
May 6 Chapter 4-Civil Liberties ,Chapter 5, Civil Rights
May 13 Chapter 14-Domestic and Economic Policy
May 20 Chapter 15-Foreign Policy-REVIEW
May 27 CESAR CHAVEZ HOLIDAY- No Class
June 3 EXAM 3 FINAL---- 8:00-10:00 P.M

Exams

EXAMS Exams will be composed of 30 Multiple Choice Questions and 20 True/False questions each counting 2 points-Scantrons Required for all Exams and Quizzes

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ABSENCES: There are no Excused Absences. Students with more than 2 ABSENCES will BE penalized with a lowering of grade.Professor will have option to Drop Students For Excessive absences (more than 3)

If you choose to drop class you are responsible for doing so through the Admissions office – before February 23rd---in order to receive a Refund and without a W grade...Failure to withdraw,by student, may result in a F grade.....There is a limit of 3 times to retake a class.

GRADES`

COURSE GRADES: EXAM 1
EXAM 2

MAXIMUM
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300 points
300 points

EXAM 3 -Final	“	300 points
QUIZ 1	“	100 “
QUIZ 2	“	100 “
Research Paper		500 “
Extra-Credit		400 “

Maximum Total Points 2000

Class GRADE POINT EQUIVALENTS

A= Minimum 1600 POINT B=Minimum1400 POINTS C= Minimum 1000 POINTS
D=Minimum 600 points

EXAM GRADE POINT EQUIVALENTS TO BE DETERMINED BY INSTRUCTOR

Since Political Science is the study of how people participate in the Shaping of public policy and decision-making, both directly and through elected representatives, your participation in class will be a practicum in the political process.

Additional School Policies

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.

Recording devices in the classroom- Section 78907 of the California Education Code prohibits the use of any electronic audio or video recording devices, without prior consent of the instructor. (including cell phones, laptops, MP3 players, and more)

Disabled Students 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. For students requiring accommodations, the DSP&S Office at Mission College provides special assistance in areas like: registering for courses, specialized tutoring, note-taking, mobility assistance, special instruction, testing assistance, special equipment, special materials, instructor liaisons, community referrals and job placement. If you have not done so already, you may also wish to contact the DSP&S Office in Instructional Building 1018 (phone [818/364-7732](tel:8183647732) TTD [818/364-7861](tel:8183647861)) and bring a letter stating the accommodations that are needed.