

Introduction to Politics and Government

POL - 101W Class Outline

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"... why am I so interested in politics? If I were to answer you very simply I would say this: why shouldn't I be interested? That is to say, what blindness, what deafness, what density of ideology would have to weigh me down to prevent me from being interested in what is probably the most crucial subject to our existence, that is to say the society in which we live, the economic relations in which it functions, and the system of power which defines the regular forms and regular permissions and prohibitions of our conduct? The essence of our life consists, after all of the political functioning of the society in which we find ourselves." – Michel Foucault

A disinterest in politics is something that no conscientious citizen can afford. This course is intended to provide students with a means of engaging in broad political questions:

- ▶ Why are some societies plagued by war and violence, while others are stable and peaceful?
- ▶ How are the values in one society passed along to new members, and why do they differ from the values in other countries?
- ▶ Why does it matter how we structure the institutions of government, limit their powers, or determine which individuals should hold public offices and exercise authority over the rest of the population?

The success of political processes to channel disputes in a society can play a key role in ensuring a harmonious society, while their failure can lead to frustration that boils over into revolution or chaos. A comparative approach in this class, looking at how differently politics are organized in other countries, will provide a broader context to determine how well particular government structures and processes may work.

COURSE TEXTS

1) Rand Dyck, *Studying Politics: An Introduction to Political Science*, (Fourth Edition) - Required

2) *Readings for Political Science 100/101* - Second Edition Required

GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Term Paper	35%
Mid-term Test	15%
Participation	15%
Final Exam	35%

Participation Marks include 10 points for general participation and 5 points for attendance. Students may miss one tutorial, but each subsequent absence results in one point deduction from the 5 attendance marks. All exceptions must be approved by the instructor. Students must bring the introduction to their essay to the tutorial in Week 9.

Draft essays are due in class in Week 10, or in tutorials held on that day. The draft essays will be commented upon in detail but not graded; they will be returned to students in Week 12. Students will lose 10 points/100 on their essay assignment if they do not submit a complete draft.

The final version of the essay is due at the last class held in Week 13, or in tutorials held on that day. Only general comments and a grade will be given on the final version.

Students must submit the final version of their essay to the Turnitin.com service in order to receive credit for the essay assignment. The Turnitin submission is due by 11PM on the day of the last class.

LATE ESSAYS WILL BE NOT ACCEPTED. A MARK OF "O - ZERO" will be assessed for papers handed in late without approval from the professor.

POL 101W CLASS SCHEDULE 2011-3

All lecture readings are from the Rand Dyck textbook (4th ed)
All tutorial readings are from the 100/101 Reader (2nd ed.)

WEEK ONE: Sep 4 - Politics and Political Science

Lecture: Chapter 1 – Studying Politics
Chapter 4 – Political Economy - Pages 78-85
Tutorial: No tutorials

WEEK TWO: Sep 11 - The State and Forms of Government

Lecture: Chapter 2 – Governments & states
Chapter 3 – States & Nations - Pages 54-65
Tutorial: Unit 2

WEEK THREE: Sep 18 - Political Philosophies and Ideologies

Lecture: Chapter 6 - Political Ideas and Ideologies
Tutorial: Unit 3

WEEK FOUR: Sep 25

Part 1: Ideologies Continued

Part 2: Political Culture Intro

Lecture: Chapter 3 - States & Nations - Pages 66-76
Chapter 5 - Political Culture - Pages 102-113
Tutorial: Unit 4

WEEK FIVE: Oct 2 - Political Socialization

Lecture: Chapter 5 - Political Socialization - Pages 113-129
Tutorial: No readings

WEEK SIX: Oct 9 MID-TERM TEST

No readings & no tutorials this week

WEEK SEVEN: Oct 16 - Constitutions and The Executive

Lecture: Chapter 7- Designing & Limiting Governments by Constitutions
Chapter 8 - The Political Executive and Bureaucracy
Tutorial: Unit 5

WEEK EIGHT: Oct 23 - The Legislature

Lecture: Chapter 9 - Legislatures
Tutorial: Unit 6

WEEK NINE: Oct 30- The Judiciary (Draft Intro due in Tutorial)

Lecture: Chapter 10 - The Judiciary
Tutorial: Unit 7

WEEK TEN: Nov 6 - DRAFT ESSAYS DUE

Political Parties & Interest Groups

Lecture: Chapter 12 - Political Parties - Pages 312-327
Chapter 13 - Interest Groups & Social Movements
Tutorial: Unit 8

WEEK ELEVEN: Nov 13 - Elections

Lecture: Chapter 11 - Democracy in Action
Tutorial: Unit 9

WEEK TWELVE: Nov 20 - Political Change

Lecture: Chapter 14 - Politics of Development - Pages 369-386
Chapter 15 - Regime Change
Chapter 17 - Globalization - Pages 438-450

Tutorial: Unit 10

WEEK THIRTEEN: Nov 27 - FINAL ESSAYS DUE

International Politics

Lecture: Chapter 16 - World Politics
Tutorial: Unit 11

**There will be a two hour exam
Tuesday December 11, 12 noon to 2 pm**



POL- 101 has a web site:

<http://www.sfu.ca/~aheard/101>

At this site, you will find the class schedule, detailed lecture outlines, resources for essay writing and research, as well as connections to useful Internet material about politics around the

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Plagiarism involves using another author's words without attribution or otherwise presenting another person's work as one's own. It is a fraudulent and serious academic offence that will result in a severe academic penalty. Also, close paraphrasing of another author's work & self-plagiarism, including submitting the same, or substantively the same, work for academic evaluation more than once, are unacceptable practices that will result in a severe academic penalty.

The university policies on academic honesty are available at:
<http://www.sfu.ca/policies/gazette/student.html>

The Department of Political Science's interpretation of this policy can be found at: <http://goo.gl/KWP5u>, and is available in hard copy format outside our General Office. All students are responsible for familiarising themselves with these policies.

A helpful SFU Library tutorial on plagiarism is at
<http://www.lib.sfu.ca/researchhelp/tutorials/interactive/plagiarism/tutorial/introduction.htm>

The DOs and DON'Ts of AVOIDING PLAGIARISM

Do not:

- submit an entire paper or part(s) of a paper or papers that has been written or researched by any other person(s);
- submit a paper as an assignment that has been bought from another person or from a 'paper mill' or essay service;
- submit a paper or other written assignment that has been submitted at another time or for a different course by yourself or any other student or former student;
- submit material that has been downloaded from a website, without acknowledging (using appropriate citation style) that you have done so;
- take someone else's idea(s) and represent it/them as your own;
- copy any text verbatim, or with only slight variation from the original text, without using quotation marks and documenting the source with proper citation style;
- do not closely paraphrase another's material; either paraphrase completely in your own words, or cite as a direct quotation using quotation marks (in either case, give full credit and details regarding

authorship and location of the original material);

Do:

- learn how to cite material properly (there are many good guides on this, including the departmental one);
- use a recognized citation style (eg. APA, MLA, Chicago), according to instructions given by the course instructor, and be consistent in the use of the style throughout any single piece of written work;
- carefully read and make sure you understand the university's policy on academic honesty;
- ask the instructor of this course or other faculty members if you have any questions about plagiarism.

Grading scale:

A+	=	93—100%
A	=	86—92%
A-	=	80—85%
B+	=	77—79%
B	=	74—76%
B-	=	70—73%
C+	=	67—69%
C	=	64—66%
C-	=	60—63%
D	=	50—59%
F	=	< 50%

The grades in this course are not calculated with a grading curve