POLI 1001 sec. 2 Fundamental Issues in Politics Fall 2018 W 3:30-6:20pm 116 Stubbs Hall

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OBJECTIVE This course is designed as an introduction to what goes on in Political Science. It seeks to open doors to understanding the issues that preoccupy politics. How did political thinking emerge? How much value should we attach

POLI 1001 strives toward learning competency, in particular:

- the ability to think, describe, and analyze politics in all forms

Mar. 07	Midterm Exam (in class): Short essay, definitions, multiple choice	
Mar. 14-21	<u>Comparative Politics: The Variety across Countries</u> The Thematic vs. Case Study Approaches Presidential vs. Parliamentary Systems The Western World: France & Britain The Marxist/Post Marxist: China & Russia The Third World Types: Mexico & India Military/ Religious Types: Thailand/ Nigeria & Iran/ Saudi Arabia	Parsons, Chap. 5, 7, 8, & 11
Apr. 04-11	International Relations: How the World Works Theories-Actors-Processes Change and Continuity The Enduring Nation State Realism and Idealism Conflict and Cooperation World Government vs. Global Governance	Parsons, Chap. 12 & 13
TBD	Test II (multiple choice/take home)	
Apr. 18	Political Economy: Governments as Salesmen Domestically: The Tax Debate Internationally: The Trade Debate Dwindling Interdependence? Brexit and Trump	Parsons, Chap. 9 & 10
	<u>Public Administration: The Bureaucracy</u> Ovil Service: Efficiency vs. Corruption The Deep State Idea	
Apr. 18	Taking Sdes Paper Due (3 pages)	
Apr. 25	Presentation of Taking Sdes paper (5 min. each) Review session	
May 02	<u>Final Exam</u> (in class; 3:30-5:30pm)	