

POLI 1001-02
Fundamental Issues of Politics
Fall 2018
W 3:30-6:30pm
229 Tureaud

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Course Outline & Lecture Topics

Aug. 22

Course Introduction

Parsons, Chap. 1 & 4

What is Politics? Varied Perspectives

Same key concepts:

Power-Authority

Nation- State

Freedom-Equality

The Challenge of Political Science:

Breakdown of Discipline

Integration and Fragmentation (Garand)

Oct. 10	<u>Midterm Exam</u> (in class): Short essay, definitions, multiple choice	
Oct. 17-24	<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
Oct. 31-Nov. 07	<u>International Relations: How the World Works</u> 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
Nov. 07	<u>Test II</u> (Due/ multiple choice)	
Nov. 14	<u>Political Economy: Governments as Salesmen</u>	Parsons, Chap. 9 & 10