

**Fundamental Issues of Politics
Political Science 1001 (Section 2)
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Course Description

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 to political imagination in today's world? How do we understand the role of the state in politics?

LSU Integrative Learning Core

Integrated learning allows students to make simple connections among ideas and experiences and across disciplines and perspectives. The LSU Integrative Learning Core (ILC) curriculum is designed to develop student abilities to transfer their learning to new situations and demonstrate a sense of self as a learner. A fundamental goal of the ILC is to foster the practical and intellectual capacities associated with integrative learning in preparation for high competence and functionality in their post-baccalaureate careers. This course fulfills the BOR Area of *Social/Behavioral Sciences* and provides students experience with the ILC proficiency of *Inquiry and Analysis*.

Required Reading Materials

The textbook for the course is listed below. You should also keep up with current political news stories, as published in the *New York Times*, and its opinion page.

Political Science Today, 20th Edition. Wendy N. Whitman Cobb, Sage: ISBN: 9781544336442.

Student Responsibility

Attend all class sessions

Midterm	20pts (Mar. 04)
Test II	10pts (Apr. 01)
Midterm "Uk guö'Rcr gt	20pts (Apr. 22)
Final	30pts (Apr. 29, 3:30-5:30pm)
Total = 100%	

Letter grades are assigned as follows:

95-100 = **A+**

94.9-90 = **A**

89.9-87 = **A-**

86.9-85 = **B+**

84.9-80 = **B**

79.9-77 = **B-**

76.9-75 = **C+**

74.9-70 = **C**

69.9-67 = **C-**

