

American Government Political Science 2051

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Course Description

This course is designed to introduce students to the fundamentals of American government and politics. The first part of the course examines the ideological, historical, socioeconomic, and constitutional contexts of politics in the United States. The second part explores components of the political process including interest groups, political parties, and elections. The third part focuses on the institutions of government (executive, legislative, and judicial branches) that create and implement policies. The vast majority of our focus will be on national level politics, although at points we will cover some aspects of state and local government as well.

As a General Education Course, POLI 2051 is designed to address the following General Education outcomes that LSU graduates will demonstrate an understanding of the informing factors of global, including economic forces, political dynamics, and linguistic difference.

Course Requirements

The course requirements include reading the text book, watching video presentations, reading the Power Point slides, and practicing 1

7th Edition, 2018 (by George C. Edwards III and Martin P. Wattenberg and William G. Howell) Pearson: ISBN 9780134628936 This is an electronic book that is available for purchase through the LSU bookstore. Once you have purchased it, follow the instructions listed below for gaining access. 127(:H ZLOO RQO\ EH XVLQJ WKH WH[W IRU UHG LQ Jvariou sashwkh t Z P and tests but we are not using the (you are only using this as a text book) All of the assignments, quizzes, and exams are responsible for are available through / 68 course Moodle page.

How to Access the Online Text You Purchased

This course uses a Pearson digital product used throughout the semester. The requirements are unique to this course. Here is how to register

1. Go to: <https://console.pearson.com/enrollment/magh13>
2. Sign in to your Pearson Account or create one.
3. Redeem your access code or purchase instant access online (temporary access is optional) if it is also

How to Contact Me

The best way to contact me is by email. I will make every effort to answer your questions in a timely manner within 24 hours during the normal workweek. I will also hold office hours on Mondays from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. when you may telephone me (573-217) or stop by (Stubbs 205) if you would like to set up a specific time to talk to me and we can schedule a time that is mutually convenient.

Student Evaluations and Policies

Grading

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Practice Quizzes (16 @ 0.5% each)
Presidential Documentary Report

8%

Week #9: October 14-20

Political Parties and Elections

Complete and submit Report Representation in the U.S. House of Representatives **Monday, October 15 at 6:00 p.m.**

Read Government in America, Chapters 8 and 9.

Video Presentations: Chapters 8 and 9.

Practice Quizzes: Chapters 8 and 9 to be completed by **Friday, October 19 at 6:00 p.m.**

EXAM #2: May be taken anytime from 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 21 through 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23

Week #10: October 21-27

Presidency

Read Government in America, Chapter 12.

Video Presentations: Chapter 12.

Practice Quiz: Chapter 12 to be completed by **Friday, October 26 at 6:00 p.m.**

Begin watching presidential inauguration on TV. <http://www.cnn.com/2009/10/26/politics/inauguration/>