

POLI 2051: Introduction to American Government

Grading:

Technology:

I should mention now that numerous studies support increased information retention from handwritten notes as opposed to typed notes. That being said, laptops are allowed in class to take notes and refer to readings. If it is clear you are using the laptop for another purpose, I will ask you to put it away. Please make sure cellphones are silenced and put away during class time. If I notice students obviously on their phones or texting during class I will ask you to put it away or leave the class.

Student Obligations:

It is your responsibility to come to class having read the material and ready to discuss the material assigned. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask. The only way I can know which items you are struggling with is if you bring them to my attention. I am more than happy to go over unclear topics again, time permitting. As a student it is also your responsibility to do your own work. Under no circumstances will cheating be tolerated. Any cheating or plagiarism will be immediately reported to the dean of students.

Students with Special Needs Policy:

If you have special needs that may have some impact on your work in this class and for which you may require accommodations, please let me know as soon as possible, and see a coordinator in the Office of Disability Services so that such accommodations may be arranged. The Office of Disability Services is located in 115 Johnston Hall and may be reached at 225- 578- 5919.

Course Calendar:

