: Students are required to abide by the academic conduct policies outlined in

the LSU Code of Student Conduct (<u>https://www.lsu.edu/saa/students/codeofconduct.php</u>). Examples of academic dishonesty include, but are not limited to: cheating on exams, plagiarizing, buying or selling assignments, altering grades, and collaborating with others without permission. I reserve the right to investigate when I suspect a violation of any of these policies. All violations of academic conduct policies are turned over to the Dean of Students. lectures might be difficult, so ask questions whenever necessary. In addition, feel free to stop my lecture and ask, to e-mail me, and to stop by my office. The general philosophy is that students who are eager to learn should be rewarded.

Final grades are based on attendance/ participation, four quizzes, two writing assignments and three in-class examinations (two midterm and one final exam) for a total of 100 points.

: There will be a series of six quizzes, which will be taken on Moodle. These will all be open for 24 hours and you will be given two attempts, with the highest score out of the two being recorded. There are absolutely no makeups for missed quizzes. I reserve the right to change quizzes into in-class format if necessary.

: There will also be two short writing assignments in which you will choose from a selection of the readings on Moodle that have been assigned up to that point. For these assignments, you will read your selection and in 300 500 words, briefly summarize it and, more importantly, critically analyze it. So, for these writing assignments, I want to see that you did the reading, followed by you essentially telling me what you like/ agreed with/ disagreed with, but most importantly, you must explain why.

The course consists of two in-class exams and a final exam. The in-class exams will not be cumulative and could consist of a mix of multiple choice, short answer, and short essay questions. The dates of all of these are provided in the

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Week 1 (01/12, 01/14) Introduction; American Roots, Context, & Culture.

Week 2 (01/ 19, 01/ 21) The Constitution; Quiz1

Week 3 (01/26, 01/28) The Federal System.;