

An introductory tour of American government and politics. We will use theories of politics, as well as historical and current events, to develop an understanding of the structures and processes of our government behaviors of leaders and citizens. The focus will be on national politics but we will touch a bit on state and local politics too.

Through lectures, readings, discussion, and activities in this course, you learn how American politics works, what is happening now, and major issues facing the nation, while honing analytical & advocacy skills.

Most of what I present in class is from a social science perspective. The systematic study of political science to develop knowledge. However, consistent with the institutional values of LSU, I teach the course in a way that affirms basic democratic principles, that values facts and the search for truth over partisan talking points, and that recognizes the value of Black voices. Some of our readings are opinion pieces illustrating different perspectives, particularly those that express commitments to racial justice. In the reading schedule below.

POLS 2052 is an Integrated Learning course. These courses allow students to make 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 oral, written, and intellectual capacities associated with integrative learning in preparation for high competence and functionality in their post-baccalaureate careers. This course fulfills

politics research questions about the strategies and outcomes in the games we play,

by familiarizing yourself with the study guide the next week then do assigned readings (Tues G D \ P D \ E H 7 K X U too), and then watch each (D H F W X U H 0 R V W Z H H N V K D Y H D T X L J D W W K H H Q G D Q G assignments too.

Since this course is three credit hours, you should expect to spend roughly an average week on reading, watching video lectures, writing, thinking, and studying for class.

Moodle Course Website

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Required Reading

There is a substantial amount of reading for this class around 50-70 pages per week You without carefully reading assigned material You are required to acquire one book (buy new/used rent, borrow) The other is available for free through the LSU library

1) Kernell et al. 2019. The Logic of American Politics . (8<sup>th</sup> edition is 95% similar, if you can find it cheaper, E X W \ R X · U H D 8<sup>th</sup> Edition Content. O H I R U

Textbook website practice quizzes, chapter summaries, flashcards

<https://edge.sagepub.com/kernell19e>

2) John Sides, Michael Tesler, & Lynn Vavreck. (2018) Party Crisis: The 2016 Presidential Campaign and the Battle for the of America Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press Available for free through LSU library!

, Q D G G L W L A Newsline Analysis HDG articles on current or recent events, listed with links.



by participating in ongoing research in the Media Effects Lab [MEL], or by completing an alternate assignment in lieu of a research participation opportunity (<https://lsu-manship.sona-systems.com>)

For full credit, you must earn three (3) MEL points during the semester which equals three hours. You should plan to have at least 1.5 MEL points (1.5 hours) completed by the second exam to stay on track. Most MEL studies will be conducted online this semester. Prsst: < R X · UH UHD G L Q J W K L V F D U H I U P O A D U G O f a D S S U H F L D W H W K D





