

Geography 4061, Section 1 – Political Geography
Political Science 4060, Section 2 – Political Geography

Fall 2018

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:00-1:20pm – 245 Howe-Russell Building

Final exam: Wednesday, December 5th 10:00am-12:00pm

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Disability accommodations

Louisiana State University is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities.

[By federal law!](#)) This syllabus is available in alternate formats upon request. Any student with a documented disability needing academic adjustments is requested to speak with Disability Services and the instructor as early in the semester as possible. All discussions will remain confidential. You can contact [Disability Services](#) at 115 Johnston Hall, (225) 578-5919.

Course withdrawal and exam rescheduling dates

August 28th at 4:30pm.

The last day to invoke the Grade Exclusion Policy is August 29th at 4:30pm.

The last day to withdraw from the course or resign from the university is November 2nd at 4:30pm.

The last day to reschedule a final exam or exams when three or more are scheduled on the same day is November 2nd at 4:30pm.

Classroom behavior

Please turn off or make silent your cell phones and any other electronic things that can

Nullifying missed assignments in extraordinary circumstances

In the eventuality of extraordinary circumstances where I judge it was impossible for a student to complete an assignment on time and could not give prior notice to turn in the assignment early, I will

free choice

-up exam on a
-up work, and I adjust your

grading scale to make all other course work worth more toward the final grade in proportion to the points lost in the missed assignment. For example, having 1% of your grade nullified would shift the point base of the course from 100 to 99; having a mid-term exam nullified would shift the base from 100 to 75. Your final grade average would be adjusted by dividing your nominal average by the decimal form of shifted point base. This is how a nominal grade of 75 points would
$$75 / (0.75) = 100.00$$

Course readings

1) Anderson, Benedict (1983/2016) *Imagined communities: Reflections on the origin and spread of nationalism*. London: Verso. ISBN-13: 978-1784786755. (pp. 236)

2) Hing, Bill Ong (2004) *Defining America through immigration policy*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press. ISBN-13: 978-1592132331. (pp. 324)

3) Jones, Reece (2017) *Violent borders*. London: Verso. ISBN-13: 978-1784784744. (pp. 224)

4) McGann, Anthony, Charles Smith, Michael Latner, and Alex Keena (2016) *Gerrymandering in America: The House of Representatives, the Supreme Court, and the Future of Popular Sovereignty*

