

AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES

POLI 4060, Section 1, Spring 2022

Course location: Williams 208

Course time: MWF, 10:30-11:20

Attendance Policy

Class attendance is the responsibility of the student, and each student is expected to attend all classes. Any student who must miss class assumes responsibility for making up examinations, obtaining lecture notes, and otherwise compensating for what the student may have missed from class. The instructor will determine the validity of a student's reason(s) for any absences and will assist those students who have valid reasons and documentation.

Valid documentable reasons for absences include:

1. Illness
2. Serious family emergency
3. Special curricular requirements such as judging trips or field trips
4. Court-imposed legal obligations such as subpoenas or jury duty
5. Military obligations
6. Serious weather conditions
7. Religious observances

Disability Code

The Office of Disability Services assists students in identifying and developing accommodations

Expectations of Written Work

All papers are to be college-level papers. This means that they are to be typed, spell-checked and edited, well written with a logical flow of thought, and correctly cited. LSU's Communication across the Curriculum center is a terrific resource for help with writing papers.

Group Work and Unauthorized Assistance

Each student must complete all work without assistance from a classmate or group, unless stated explicitly by the instructor so that the instructor can assess individual performance on each assignment. If the students have a group- or partner-based project assigned, each student may still have individual work to complete. Read the syllabus and assignment directions carefully. When in doubt, e-mail the instructor or ask during class. Seeking clarification is the sole responsibility of the student. Assuming group or partner based work is acceptable without permission constitutes a violation of the LSU Code of Student Conduct.

Special notices

1. In light of the Omicron variant's spread, if you feel safer staying home away from the crowds, I will be live-streaming my lectures during the normal class period via Zoom in addition to delivering my lectures in person.
2. A note on discussion: this course should be an open forum for debate. I am rather old school about intellectual freedom, so please feel free to share. I want to hear what you have to say, but please be respectful of the space and others in the class. If discussion wanders too far afield or becomes toxic, I will shut it down.
3. Similarly, do not take things in the simulation personally, nor make things in the simulation to be personal. Non-democratic regimes can be utterly ruthless and monstrously brutal, and while I do want to simulate the workings of a non-democratic regime in our classroom, I do not want recreate the worst excesses of some of these regimes.

Important Semester Dates

Jan 17 (Monday) – Martin Luther King Day

Jan 26 (Wednesday) – Final date for dropping courses without receiving a grade of “W”

Jan 27 (Thursday) – Final date for adding courses for credit and making section changes

Mar 14 – Mid-semester break

Apr 14 (Monday) – Final date for rescheduling final exam dates, and for dropping classes

Apr 15 – Good Friday holiday

May 4-8 (Wednesday – Sunday) – Concentrated Study Period

May 9-14 (Monday – Saturday) – Final Exam Week

Simulation dates:

Feb. 4 (Friday)

Feb. 25 (Friday)

Apr. 1 (Friday)

Apr. 13 (Wednesday)

May 6 (Friday)

