

POLS 110: Introduction to Political Science
Fall 2019

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Course Description

This course is designed to introduce undergraduate students to basic knowledge of the academic discipline known as political science. Lectures and discussions will cover various fields of political science such as research methods, political theories and thoughts, comparative politics and international relations as well. First of all, this course will help students to acquaint with the key concepts of political science such as power, state, sovereignty, legitimacy, etc. By demonstrating the significance of those concepts in contemporary political issues, students will be able to learn how these concepts are connected to the analysis of larger theories.

Students can explain the differences in the normative and scientific approaches to political analysis as well as recognize and apply major concepts in the study of political science. Most of all, the students who are taking this course are able to use their knowledge of political systems to engage effectively in political and social life.

Course Requirements

1) Attendance 20%

Class attendance is mandatory. Attendance will be checked through either attendance sheet or in-class writing. Each student is permitted three absences from class without penalty. Any additional absences will be considered unexcused and will negatively affect your final grade. Each unexcused absence will result in an automatic 5 point deduction from the total point of Attendance.

2) Participation 20%

Participation is very important in this class because we can understand the actual political process through class activities and discussions. In order to encourage students to actively participate in class activities and discussions, pop-up quiz, in-class writing, and discussion sessions will be given occasionally.

3) Group Presentation 20%

Presentation topic should be directly related to a particular issue discussed during the class and also reflect your personal interests.(Consult with an instructor is strongly recommended.)

4) Exam 40% (Mid 20% & Final 20%)

Midterm and final exams consist of IDs, short answers, and essays. Questions come from either lectures or readings. For IDs and short answers, defining the term and explaining core ideas are required. Essays cover broad ranges of theories, perspectives, and actual issues from the lectures. More details about exams will be announced later.

5) Extra Credit

Three extra credit chances will be given during the semester. If you submit 2-3 page reaction paper after attending events, watching the video, and reading extra reading materials directly relevant to issues in the course, you can get maximum 10-point extra credit for each. These extra credit chances are originally for those who are absent from a class because of illness, family affairs or other inevitable situations. (This maximum point is also equivalent to one absence.) However, students who want to have a better grade can also submit reaction papers. Reaction papers should include a very short summary, an analysis of the arguments, and significance of issues (relevance to the course).

6) Reading Assignment

Reading assignments are very important and must be done before each lecture. Except for readings from required texts, all other readings are posted at Laulima. <http://laulima.hawaii.edu/>

There are recommended readings for those who want to know more about topics. All of them will be also posted at Laulima. They are not mandatory but deeply related to my lecture. It will be really helpful to read them for further understanding of topics.

Course Policies

Attendance: Class attendance is mandatory. On some days I will take attendance. On other days, there will be in-class writing assignments. If you are not in class that day, you will receive an F for that particular assignment.

Deadlines: Assignments should be submitted at the beginning of class on the day of the deadline. Assignments submitted late will be docked one full letter grade every 24 hours past deadline.

Grading Scale: The scale is as follows

A	95%	B-	80%	D+	67%
A-	90%	C+	77%	D	63%
B+	87%	C	73%	D-	60%
B	83%	C-	70%	F	Below 60%

Academic Integrity: Please refer to the UHM website on academic dishonesty and related issues.

<http://www.manoa.hawaii.edu/students/conduct/impermissible_behavior.html>

Disability Issues: Please see me and refer to the UH Kokua Program on issues related to disability.

<<http://www.hawaii.edu/kokua/>> I am more than happy to make accommodations on a case-by-case basis.

Summary Course Schedule

Lecture	Date	Topic	Reading
1	08-26-2019	Introduction	No Reading
2	08-28-2019	States and State Formation	Diamond (1998)
3	09-02-2019	States in Europe and Elsewhere	Tilly (1985)
4	09-04-2019	Legitimacy and Politics	Weber (1919)
5	09-09-2019	Absolutism	Bousset (1679), Domat (1697)
6	09-11-2019	Mandate of Heaven	"Mandate of Heaven"
7	09-16-2019	Democratic Rule	Oneil_Democracy (2015)
8	09-18-2019	Civil Society and Democracy	Tocqueville (2005), Putnam (1995) & TED 1
9	09-23-2019	UK and Europe	Oneil_UK (2015)
10	09-25-2019	Asia	Lee (1994), Jung (1994)
11	09-30-2019	Non-Democratic Rule	Oneil_Authoritaria nism (2015)
12	10-02-2019	Military Rule in Latin America	Becker (2005)
13	10-07-2019	Religion and Politics	Bayat (2007)
14	10-09-2019	Mid-Term Review	No Reading
15	10-14-2019	Mid-term Exam	No Reading
16	10-16-2019	Colonialism and Empire	Pollmer (2000)
17	10-21-2019	Anti-Colonial Resistance	Rizal (1887), Bolivar (1819)
18	10-23-2019	The Rise of Capitalism	Sadler (1831),

			Marx (1848)
19	10-28-2019	Modernization	Rostow (1968)
20	10-30-2019	Dependency; World Systems	Lenin (1902) Wallerstein (1976)
21	11-04-2019	Post Colonialism	Said (1978)
22	11-06-2019	IR in Asia	Clinton (2011), Trump (2017)
23	11-11-2019	Veterans Day	No Reading
24	11-13-2019	Nationalism	Anderson (1990)
25	11-18-2019	Ethnic Nationalism	TBA
26	11-20-2019	International relations	Nye (1990), Ted 2
27	11-25-2019	Indigenous Politics (presentation)	Silva (2004), Petitions (1897)
28	11-27-2019	Wealth or Poverty (presentation)	TED 3 & 4, TBA
29	12-02-2019	Environmental Politics (presentation)	New York Times 1 & 2
30	12-04-2019	Wrap up & Final Review	No Reading
31	12-09-2019	No Class	No Reading
32	12-11-2019	Final exam	No Reading

TED 1: Video Clip: What does it mean to be a citizen of the world? By Hugh Evans from TED

https://www.ted.com/talks/hugh_evans_what_does_it_mean_to_be_a_citizen_of_the_world

TED 2: video clip: Global Power Shift talked Joseph Nye from TED http://www.ted.com/talks/joseph_nye_on_global_power_shifts.html

TED 3: video clip: Demand a fair trade cell phone from TED by Bandi Mbuli https://www.ted.com/talks/bandi_mbuli_demand_a_fair_trade_cell_phone?language=en

TED 4: Global ethic vs. national interest from TED by Gordon Brown https://www.ted.com/talks/gordon_brown_on_global_ethic_vs_national_interest?language=en

New York Times 1:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2005/08/21/magazine/the-breaking-point.html>

New York Times 2:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2007/04/15/opinion/15iht-web-0415edgreen-full.5291830.html>

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