

Principles of Government and Politics

Government and Politics 100, Section 101

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Class Hours: Tuesday 9:00 AM – 12:20 PM
Thursday 9:00 AM – 12:20 PM
6/05/07 – 7/12/07

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Class Policies

This class is a CORE class for the Distributive Studies requirement. Accordingly, this class aims to demonstrate the distinct and diverse perspectives that shape our understanding of international and domestic politics, how different cultural and historical backgrounds affect these perspectives, how these perspectives change over time, and how to think, research, and understand phenomena as a political scientist. (CORE initiatives based on “About Satisfying the CORE Requirements” at <http://www.ugst.umd.edu/core/overview/WhatIs.html>.)

I shall do my best to accommodate students with disabilities. I ask that you inform me by Tuesday, June the 12th. I understand that newly arising conditions may also interfere with your scholarship. However, you must notify us of these events as they occur, and not after they have caused you to miss important coursework such as tests or papers.

Your instructor will in no way tolerate academic dishonesty to any extent or in any form. Academic dishonesty includes, but *is not limited to*: cheating, plagiarism, fabrication, and the facilitation of any of these infractions. **Penalties for academic dishonesty begin with failure of this course and include the possibility of expulsion from the University.** This policy will be administered fairly and indiscriminately, without regard to personal situation, progress at the University, or any other extraneous condition. For a full explanation of the University policy on academic dishonesty, please consult the Code of Academic Integrity at http://www.union.umd.edu/GH/academics/academic_integrity.html.

All religious observances will be accommodated so long as the instructor is notified in advance. In the event of another University accepted excuse, please notify me as soon as possible.

Required Course Materials

Textbooks: Hoffman and Graham: *Introduction to Political Ideologies*
Mingst and Snyder: *Essential Readings in World Politics (Second Edition)*

Website: For each section there may be further assigned documents. These are available through the class website at <http://wam.umd.edu/~jessmath>. **These documents are highlighted.**

Th 6/07: Ideologies: Liberalism and Conservatism
First In-class Project: Debate on Liberalism vs. Conservatism
Hand out Written Exercise Guidelines

Hoffman and Graham, pp. 3-54

Jefferson, *The Declaration of Independence*
Roosevelt, "Four Freedoms"
"Universal Declaration of Human Rights"
"Republican Contract With America"
Reagan, "First Inaugural Address"

Tu 6/12: Ideologies: Socialism, Nationalism, Fascism, and Feminism
Movie: Casablanca (Part I)

Hoffman, pp. 56-79, 110-61, 172-95

Marx, selections from *Manifesto of the Communist Party*
Hitler, selections from *Mein Kempf*
Stanton, "Declaration of Sentiments"

Th 6/14: Paradigms: Realism and Liberalism
Movie: Casablanca (Part II)
Assign groups for Second In-Class Project
Written Exercise Proposal Due

Mingst, pp. 4-16, 26-28, 54-82, 120-29

Thucydides, "Melian Dialogue"
Machiavelli, selections from *the Prince*

Tu 6/19: Paradigms: Constructivism, Marxism-Leninism, and Feminism

Mingst, pp. 86-115, 130-138, 163-180

Lenin, selections from *What is to be Done?*
Inglehart, selections from *Modernization and Postmodernization*
Wendt, "Anarchy Is What States Make of It"
Tickner, "You Just Don't Understand"

Th 6/21: Elastic Class
Second In-class Project: Presentations on Alternative Paradigms

Review for Midpoint Exercise

Tu 6/26: Political Actors: States and Organizations I
Midpoint Exercise

Hobbes, selections from *Leviathan*
Aristotle, selections from *Politics*

Th 6/28: Political Actors: States and Organizations II

Mingst, pp. 143-63, 208-230

“Charter of the United Nations”
Lijphart, selections from *Patterns of Democracy*
Sen, “Democracy as a Universal Value”
Putnam, “Bowling Alone”

Tu 7/03: Peace, War, Violence and Security
Assign groups for Third In-Class Project
Movie: *Syriana* (Part I)

Mingst, pp. 295-309, 322-47, 382-398

Bin Laden, “Jihad Against Jews and Crusaders”
King, “Letter from a Birmingham Jail”
Gandhi, selections from *Non-violent Resistance*
Murphy, “Seeing Women, Recognizing Gender, Recasting International Relations”

Recommended:

Carmichael, “Black Power”

Th 7/05: Political Economy and Globalization
Movie: *Syriana* (Part II)

Mingst, pp. 402-430, 462-480

Strange, “States, Firms and Diplomacy”
Charles Lindblom, “Market as Prison”
Hardin, “The Tragedy of the Commons”

Recommended:

Stalin, selections from *the Foundations of Leninism*
Simon, “More People, Greater Wealth, More Resources, Healthier Environment”

Tu 7/10: Elastic Class
Third In-class Project: State of the World Report

Written Exercise Due

Review for Cumulative Exercise

Th 7/12: **Cumulative Exercise**