

POLITICAL SCIENCE 2

ADJUNCT FACULTY INSTRUCTOR:
SPRING 2000 CLASS SCHEDULE #50215
TH 6:00-9:00 PM SAT 9:00-12:00 NOON

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REQUIRED TEXT: AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS TODAY

BARDES, SHELLEY & SCHMIDT, 2000-2001 Ed.

COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVES:

Utilizing the assigned text, assigned papers, additional assigned reading, and out-of-class projects, our classroom time will provide discourse for a better understanding of the federal, state, and local political/judicial institutions of the United States of America, as well as the issues that have brought us to our contemporary political situation, and the issues that continue to develop both domestic and foreign policy in an election year.

GRADING:

<u>I. EXAMINATIONS;</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
Part I. Chapters; 1,2,3,	3/25/00	200
Part II. Chapters; 4 & 5	4/6./00	200
Part III.Chapters; 6,7,8, & 9	4/15/00	200
Part IV.Chapters; 10, 11, 12, & 13	5/6/00	200
Part V. Chapters; 14 & 15	5/13/00	200
Final Exam: Text/Lectures	5 /18/00	<u>400</u>
		1400

Examinations will be by multiple choice and/or essay form; be prepared for either or both by having appropriate materials (blue books) with you on examination dates.

There will be no make-up examinations except by prior arrangement between student and instructor; and the instructor reserves the right, in such case, to offer an alternative examination based on the same subject matter of the scheduled examination.

All examinations will be based on the text and classroom discourse up to the time of examination.

II. ASSIGNED WRITING

Political Issue Position Paper:	<u>DATES</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1.) Outline	3/30/00	50
2.) 100 Word Premise	4/8/00	50
3.) 600-1,000 Word Paper	4/27/00	<u>200</u>
		300 total pts.

All writing assignments are to be submitted typed and double spaced, annotated as necessary, on or before the due date; no late submissions will be accepted; timely submissions that do not comply with the above mentioned form may receive up to a 40% deduction in grade.

III. <u>ADDITIONAL READING ASSIGNMENT(s), OUT OF CLASS PROJECTS & REPORT(s)</u> Subject matter, form, and completion dates to be announced._____	200
IV. <u>INSTRUCTOR'S DISCRETION</u> Based on class participation, including the possibility of unannounced in-class or take-home quizzes.	100
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	2,000

GRADING SCALE:

<u>POINTS</u>	<u>FINAL GRADE</u>
1800-2000	A
1600-1800	B
1400-1600	C
1200-1400	D
BELOW 1200	F

ATTENDANCE:

Substantial absences and/or repeated late entry to the classroom may affect your grade and/or your continued participation in the class, if the instructor so chooses. Any exams or quizzes given during times of absence, or classroom exclusion, will not be allowed to be made up at a later time. Always carry a short answer "Scantron 815-E" answer card for pop quizzes. Failure to have one will require the student to answer an essay question based on the same subject matter.

Any unanticipated emergency absence may be excused by the instructor, if timely notice is hand delivered and left for the instructor's mail box prior to class. A pre-approved absence for personal schedule conflict, can be obtained, if for a substantive reason, and sufficient documentation is provided, if requested by the instructor.

EXTRA CREDIT:

The instructor may allow extra credit per additional work assignment(s) up to 100 points within the instructor's discretionary point allotment.

OFFICE HOURS:

The instructor does not have an office on campus, but will attempt to meet at a mutually convenient place and time upon a students request.

CLASS SCHEDULE & TEXT ASSIGNMENTS

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TEXT</u> Chapter:	<u>SIGNIFICANT EVENTS</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1	3/16/00	Part I 1		
	3/18/00	2		
2	3/23/00	3	Political Issue Selection	
	3/25/00	Part II 4	First Exam Chapters 1, 2, & 3	200
3	3/30/00	5	Political Issue Outline due	50
	4/1/00		Census: out of class assignment	100
4	4/6/00	Part III 6, 7	Second Exam Chapter 4 & 5	200
	4/8/00	7, 8	Political Issue 100 word premise due	50
5	4/13/00	8, 9		
	4/15/00	Part IV 10	Third Exam Chapters 6,7, 8, & 9	200
6	4/17-21/00		Spring Break	
7	4/27/00	11	Political Issue Paper due	200
	4/29/00	12		
8	5/4/00	13		
	5/6/00	Part V 14	Fourth Exam Chapters 10, 11, 12 & 13	200
9	5/11/00	15		
	5/13/00	REVIEW	Fifth Exam Chapters 14 & 15	200
0	5/18/00	TEXT/LECTURES	Final Exam	<u>400</u> 1800