

**COURSE OUTLINE
SPRING 2000**

INSTRUCTOR: M

COURSE OBJECTIVE

Learn major concepts and terms throughout the text, lectures, handouts and assignments in said course. I have a two-page handout in my office, but your table of contents in the text is more descriptive.

EXTRA CREDIT

Students with perfect attendance receive a five-point bonus. Perfect attendance is being on time and staying for the duration of the class. Any student may turn in a worksheet on the day of a test to make up for one previous absence. An additional five points may be earned on one of the books listed below. There is a limit of ten points, five points for one book plus five for perfect attendance. The book must be read by the date of the second test.

BOOK LIST

Animal Farm or 1984 by George Orwell or
Black Like Me by John Griffin or
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley

SPECIAL NOTE

1. Based on first test scores, students will be able to pair-up on a later test and take it in pairs (i.e., Test No. 5). Each test will contain 50 questions. All tests will use Scantron 882.
2. **No make-ups**, the lowest score will be thrown out. In "special cases," an essay make-up may be allowed.
3. A student with less than a 50 percent average may be dropped at the ninth week. **It is the responsibility of the student to drop by the ninth week.**

OUT OF CLASS ASSIGNMENT

A series of political issues are present in the newspapers each day; issues are also available in weekly magazines. Each student may write a critical analysis on a political issue by **March 19**. The source of the analysis may not be more than three weeks old. Details in your handout packet. *This is an option* - it is worth 6-10 points. **Please make a copy for your own files.**

BUDDY SYSTEM

It is the responsibility of the student to know what happened when he/she was absent. Please have two or more fellow students to check with. **DATE TO DROP IS MARCH 19.**

Grades are posted by test number and hang in my office window. The test number is the **hand-written number** in the upper right hand corner of the test. **Write this number on your scantron!**

- A = 100-90
- B = 89-80
- C = 79-70
- D = 69-60
- F = 59 and below

TEXT

American Government and Politics Today, by Schmidt, Shelly, and Bardes. There is also a study guide which is optional but helpful for many students. Topic outlines and worksheets will be shrink-wrapped with the text. **These are extremely useful.**

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Six absences in a MWF class and an instructor may drop the student. My policy is to consider dropping a student at the ninth week if four or more classes have been missed.

OFFICE HOURS

Please feel free to stop by and see me about tests, study habits or even Political Science.
Office: HE 56, M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m., Tues. 1:00-3:00 p.m.

<u>Test #</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Tentative Dates</u>	<u>Score</u>
1	Chapter 1	January <u>26</u>	_____
2	Chapters 2 & 3	February 18	_____
3	Chapters 4 & 5	March 13	_____
4	Chapters 8 & 9	April 5	_____
5	Chapters 10 & 11	May 1	_____
Finals Week	Chapters 12 & 13	See below	_____

Class

- MWF 9:00 a.m.
- MWF 11:00 a.m.
- T/TH 12:00 p.m.
- T 6:00 p.m.

8 A.M.
10:30 - A.M.
1 P.M.
6 P.M.