

Political Science 101: Introduction to American Politics

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This course, which satisfies the UNLV United States and Nevada Constitution requirements, provides an overview of the political institutions, processes, and cultures in the United States and in Nevada. It also includes an examination of current political, economic, and social issues and policies.

Textbooks and Lecture Graphics

- Magleby, O'Brien, Light, Burns, Peltason, and Cronin *Government by the People (National Version)*
- Bowers, *The Sagebrush State: Nevada's History, Government, and Politics (2nd edition)*
- Academic Course Pack (graphics)

Requirements

1. Readings: Students will find that learning is enhanced if the assigned readings are completed before the lecture on that topic. Additionally, material from the readings that will not be included in lectures will be the basis of quiz and exam questions.
2. Homework Assignments: There will be 10 homework assignments. Specific information on the assignments is given in a separate handout.
3. Examinations: There will be three exams, one at the conclusion of each major portion of the course. The examinations are not cumulative. Make-up exams for the first and second exams will be given on the last day of scheduled classes only. There will be no make-up exam for the third exam, which will be given only during Finals Week. Students may not take the third exam early. You may not use a dictionary (hardcopy or electronic) during an examination.
4. Communications: Official university communications, including those from the instructor, will be sent to students' RebelMail account. Students are responsible for all information provided in this manner. The instructor will post grades on the class WebCT site.

Grading

Examinations (3 @ 25% each)	75%
Homework Assignments (10 @ 2.5% each)	25%

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

Academic Integrity

“Academic integrity is a legitimate concern for every member of the campus community; all share in upholding the fundamental values of honesty, trust, respect, fairness, responsibility and professionalism. By choosing to join the UNLV community, students accept the expectations of the Academic Misconduct Policy and are encouraged when faced with choices to always take the ethical path. Students enrolling in UNLV assume the obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with UNLV’s function as an educational institution.” - *Student Academic Misconduct Policy*

For this course, any attempt to cheat on an examination or to present someone else’s work (including material copied from the Internet) as your own for a written assignment will be subject to the most severe penalty the University allows.

Classroom Etiquette

Students must arrive on time and be prepared to begin class on time. If late arrivals become a problem, the doors will be locked once class has started. Cell phones and pagers must be turned off and stored out of sight. No recording devices will be permitted. No one should talk while someone else is talking, nor should there be any comments meant for a classmate rather than the entire group. Classroom behavior should always be courteous, respectful of others, and consistent with the expectations set forth by the university.

Religious Holidays

If the date of any of the examinations conflicts with a religious holiday that you observe, the instructor must be notified at least 2 weeks prior to the examination so that alternative arrangements can be made.

Official Extracurricular Activity

If the date of any of the examinations conflicts with an official extracurricular activity, the instructor must be notified at least 2 weeks prior to the examination and provide official written notification no less than 1 week prior to the examination so that alternative arrangements can be made.

Disabilities

UNLV complies with the provisions set forth in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, offering reasonable accommodations to qualified students with documented disabilities. If you have a documented disability that may require accommodations, you will need to contact the DRC for the coordination of services. The DRC is located in the Student Services Complex (SSC), Room 137, and the contact numbers are: VOICE (702) 895-0866, TTY (702) 895-0652, FAX (702) 895-0651. For additional information, please visit: <<http://studentlife.unlv.edu/disability/>>.