

PSC 403J.001
Political Ethics & Corruption
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PRELIMINARY SYLLABUS

This course will focus on both political corruption and the nature of political ethics in the U.S. Considerable attention will be given to the former, as we examine what it is, how it has evolved and how our thinking about it has changed over the years. We will also read and discuss numerous case studies relating to political ethics. There will be a strong historical component to the course as we study practices and events spanning a period of more than 100 years. Finally, we will look at attempts being made to control the problem of political corruption and to raise our ethical standards.

Your grade for this course will be based on the results of two (2) examinations, several “graded discussions” and your regular class participation, with each of those four components counting for 25%. Any approved make-up exams will be given during the last week of class.

The books to purchase for the course are:

- de Leon, Thinking About Political Corruption
- UNLV Academic Printing Services, “Political Ethics and Corruption, Study Guide”

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