



POLI 101 *Introduction to Politics* (3)

Fall 2006

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Wednesdays, 6:30p – 9:30p

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Course Description

A systematic introduction to the study of politics, POLI 101 will examine the nature of political activity through the examination of such working realities as culture and regime, society and government, constitution and law, such ideologies as liberalism, conservatism, socialism and nationalism, and such elements of modern politics as the political process, the policy process, federalism, the executive, legislature and judiciary.

Course Objectives

Students will gain fluency with the central concepts of politics and some sense of the dominant practical position played by politics in human life. In addition, guest speakers will provide some exposure to the possibility of politics as a vocation.

Required Texts

Mark O. Dickerson and Thomas Flanagan, An Introduction to Government and Politics, 7th edition.

Weekly thematic readings, photocopied or on reserve, as below.

Course Schedule

I: Sept. 6: Introduction, plus *Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address*

II: Sept. 13: Nation and Sovereign, D-F 1-2, plus *Herbert Ratner, "The Family ..."*

III: Sept. 20: Band, Nation, City and Regime, D-F 3-4, plus *J.D. Hunter reading*.

IV: Sept. 27: Culture and Constitution, D-F 5-7, plus *Gad Horowitz, "Liberalism ..."*

- V:** Oct. 4: International Order and Ideology, D-F 8, plus *Sam. Huntington, "Clash"*
- VI:** Oct. 11: Liberalism and Conservatism, D-F 10-12, plus *Plato, Republic excerpt*
- VII:** Oct 18: Modern Isms , D-F 13-15, plus *de Tocqueville, Democracy excerpt*
- VIII:** Oct. 25: Representation, D-F 16-18, plus *Martin Diamond, Founding reading.*
- IX:** Nov. 1: Democratic Structures, D-F 19-21, plus *Bloom, Closing excerpt.*
- X:** Nov. 8: The Policy Process, D-F 22-24, plus *Wildavsky reading*
- XI:** Nov. 15: Elections and Offices, D-F 25-27, plus *Grant reading*
- XII:** Nov. 22: Bureacracy and Judiciary, D-F – 28-29, *plus Morton reading*
- XIII:** Nov. 29: Christian Politics, Natural law, Subsidiarity, Sphere Sovereignty readings.
- XIV:** Dec. 6: The Necessary and the Good, vocabulary list, plus *Churchill reading*
- XV:** Dec. 13: Politics as a Vocation, plus *Weber reading.*

Course Requirements and Grading

Weekly brief textbook quizzes (best 10 of 12) ... 3 per cent ea. x 10 =	30%
Weekly journal on readings (best 10 of 14) ... 3 per cent ea. x 10 =	30%
Final paper (8-10 pgs.)	= 20%
Final take-home questions, class written exam	= 20%

Assignments will be accepted in hard-copy only.

Grading: The available letters for course grades are as follows:

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Description</u>
A+	
A	>80%
A-	
B+	
B	>70%
B-	
C+	
C	>60%
C-	
D+	
D	>50%
F	<50%

Important Notes

Email communication with the professor will occur only through the college's system, so students are responsible for checking their Outlook here.

Last day to enter course without permission and/or voluntarily withdraw from course without financial penalty: **September 16.**

Please note: **evening classes continue to run for Community Day-Day of Prayer**, so there **will** be a class **September 27.**

Last day to voluntarily withdraw from course or change to audit without academic penalty: **November 16.**

It is the responsibility of all students to become familiar with and adhere to NUC Academic Policies, such as the policy on Academic Dishonesty, which are stated in the current Catalogue.

Personal information, that is information about an individual that may be used to identify that individual, may be collected as a requirement as part of taking this class. Any information collected will only be used and disclosed for the purpose for which the collection was intended. For further information contact the Privacy Compliance Officer at privacy@auc-nuc.ca.

Although extensions to coursework in the semester are at the discretion of the instructor, students **may not turn in coursework for evaluation after the last day of the scheduled final examination period** unless they have received permission for a "Course Extension." Alternative times for final examinations cannot be scheduled without prior approval. Requests for course extensions or alternative examination time must be made to the Registrar's Office by the appropriate deadline. Course extensions are only granted for serious issues that arise "due to circumstances beyond the student's control."

We are committed to fostering personal integrity and will not overlook breaches of integrity such as plagiarism and cheating. Plagiarism and cheating can result in a failing grade for an assignment, for the course, or immediate dismissal from the university college. Students are expected to be familiar with the policies in the current Academic Calendar and the Student Handbook that deal with plagiarism, cheating, and the penalties and procedures for dealing with these matters. All cases of academic dishonesty are reported to the Academic Dean.

Students are advised to retain this syllabus for their records.