

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Spring 2021	Instructor Name:	Norma M. Villicana
Course Title & #:	Political Science 100	Email:	norma.villicana@imperial.edu
CRN #:	20767 and 21615	Webpage (optional):	
Classroom:	Online	Office #:	N/A
Class Dates:	Feb. 16 to June 11, 2021	Office Hours:	By appointment
Class Days:	n/a	Office Phone #:	(760) 960-1460
Class Times:	n/a	Emergency Contact:	
Units:	3	Class Format:	Asynchronous

Course Description

This course is designed to be an introduction to the theories, principles and problems of modern political life and the methods of studying and acquiring political knowledge. Illustrative materials drawn primarily for the American experience.

Course Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s)

None

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

1. Develop an understanding of the major sub-fields of political science. (ILO2, ILO4,ILO5)
2. Examine the world's major ideologies and political systems. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO5)
3. Develop an understanding of universal Human Rights. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO5)

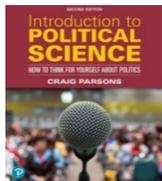
Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Explain the historical development of political science and its subfields.
2. Identify the key concepts in political science.
3. Evaluate and analyze normative and empirical approaches.
4. Identify and analyze basic political systems and their differences.
5. Analyze political behavior in international relations.
6. Identify and analyze the differences between western and non-western political systems.
7. Demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of the major western political theorist including Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Hegel, Mill, Marx, Engels, and Lenin.
8. Demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of major non-western political theorists.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Introduction to Political Science by Greg Parsons 2nd Edition 2021



Print ISBN: 9780135703083, 0135703085
eText ISBN: 9780136597858, 0136597858

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

This course will consist of a combination of online lectures, class discussions, assigned readings, videos, online quizzes and exams. ***The mutual sharing of ideas and respect for diversity of opinions will be encouraged and safeguarded.*** Students are advised to take notes from the online lectures and PowerPoint lectures as lecture materials are stressed on exams and assignments. Student discussion groups are also required.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Students will be required to submit multiple assignments throughout the semester. The final course grade will combine the total score of all graded course assignments. Graded assignments will include Discussion Posts, Video Critiques, Quizzes and written assignments. (See below). This course requires the use of a computer, tablet, or smartphone to complete all required assignments. Please be sure to assess that you have access to a necessary device).

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS: Each week you will need to complete the following:

- Read the weekly Chapter(s) from textbook
- Review Chapter PowerPoints
- Watch Chapter Videos
- Take the Weekly Quizzes
- Write Weekly Chapter Discussion posts

Three written assignments will be assigned during the semester.

Grade Summary Breakdown:

Quizzes (13 x 20 points)	260
Discussion Posts (14 x 20)	280
Written Assignments (3 x 25 points)	<u>75</u>
TOTAL POINTS	615

FINAL GRADES

548 – 615 points =	A
486 – 547 points =	B
424 – 485 points =	C
308 – 423 points =	D
307 or less points	F

Course Policies

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students and instructors respect the integrity of one another's work and recognize the important of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property.

There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

- Plagiarism is taking and presenting as one's own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to "cite a source" correctly, you must ask for help.
- Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the [General Catalog](#) for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct.

Online Netiquette

- What is netiquette? Netiquette is internet manners, online etiquette, and digital etiquette all rolled into one word. Basically, netiquette is a set of rules for behaving properly online.
- Students are to comply with the following rules of netiquette: (1) identify yourself, (2) include a subject line, (3) avoid sarcasm, (4) respect others' opinions and privacy, (5) acknowledge and return messages promptly, (6) copy with caution, (7) do not spam or junk mail, (8) be concise, (9) use appropriate language, (10) use appropriate emoticons (emotional icons) to help convey meaning, and (11) use appropriate intensifiers to help convey meaning [do not use ALL CAPS or multiple exclamation marks (!!!!)].

Other Course Information

Communication

The best way to contact me is through email. I will generally respond to emails within 24 hours after receiving them. Grades of all assignments will be posted on Canvas.

Drop Policy

In distance education, our coursework is used to determine your attendance. Students who fail to submit substantive coursework by due dates or complete assignments on the first day may be dropped from the class. Please refer to the class schedule for specific attendance & effective coursework requirements

IVC Student Resources

IVC wants you to be successful in all aspects of your education. For help, resources, services, and an explanation of policies, visit <http://www.imperial.edu/studentresources> or click the heart icon in Canvas.



Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

WEEK	Topic and Readings	Assignments
Week 1 Feb. 16-20	Course overview and Introduction Buy Textbook: <i>Introduction to Political Science</i>	Complete Module 0
Week 2 Feb. 22-27	Chapter 1 – <i>Introduction: Is Politics to Blame?</i>	Complete Module 1
Week 3 March 1-6	Chapter 2 – <i>Political Philosophy and its Offshoot: Political Science</i>	Complete Module 2
Week 4 March 8-13	Chapter 3 - <i>Ideologies</i>	Complete Module 3
Week 5 March 15 -20	Chapter 4 - <i>States</i>	Complete Module 4 Assignment #1 Due
Week 6 March 22-27	Chapter 5 - <i>Governments</i>	Complete Module 5
Week 7 March 29-Apr 3	Chapter 5 – <i>Governments</i> (continued)	Complete Module 5 A
Week 8 April 5-10	Spring Break	
Week 9 April 12 -17	Chapter 6 – <i>Individual Participation and Collective Action</i>	Complete Module 6
Week 10 April 19-24	Chapter 7 – <i>Inside Liberal Democracy I: Representation</i>	Complete Module 7
Week 11 April 26-May 1	Chapter 8 – <i>Inside Liberal Democracy II: Power & Policymaking</i>	Complete Module 8 Assignment #2 Due
Week 12 May 3-8	Chapter 9 – <i>Political Economies</i>	Complete Module 9
Week 13 May 10-15	Chapter 10 - <i>Economic Development & Growth</i>	Complete Module 10
May 15	Last Day to Drop Class with a “W”	
Week 14 May 17-22	Chapter 11 – <i>Political Change: Authoritarianism and Democratization</i>	Complete Module 11
Week 15 May 24-29	Chapter 12 – <i>Political Violence: War and Terrorism</i>	Complete Module 12
Week 16 June 1-5	Chapter 13 - <i>Globalization and Governance</i>	Complete Module 13
Week 17 June 7-11	Course Review and Final Assignment	Complete Module 14 Assignment #3 Due

Subject to change without prior notice