

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Fall 2021	Instructor Name:	Norma M. Villicana
Course Title & #:	Political Science 100 – Introduction to Political Science	Email:	norma.villicana@imperial.edu
CRN #:	10549	Webpage (optional):	
Classroom:	Online	Office #:	N/A
Class Dates:	August 16 to December 11	Office Hours:	By appointment
Class Days:	Online	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)

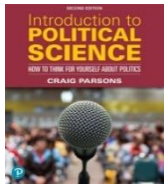
Course Objectives

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

Student Expectations:

- Students who do not participate and complete the first day of class assignments will be automatically dropped from the class.
- If you stop attending class, make sure to drop yourself from the class.
- Assignments must be submitted on or before the due date.
- You are responsible for knowing and observing due dates for all assignments.
- This class is fully online. A laptop or desktop is required for this course.

What to Expect from your Instructor:

- All assignments will be graded within one week from their due date.
- Contact me using the Canvas “inbox” or by email at norma.villicana@imperial.edu . Your message will be answered within 48 hours.
- Although I do not have official office hours, I am available for online appointments via Zoom. If you would like to meet, message me to schedule a meeting.
- My goal is to help you succeed, so please reach out if you need any help or have any questions.

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 one Module that consists of:

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

Three (3) 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

Attendance and Participation Policy:

In this course, logging in on a regular basis and your participation in discussion is how I will gauge your “attendance”. Thus, meeting the due dates for discussions is very important. The beauty of an online course is that you can fit your studying in around your schedule. This does not mean, however, that the course is self-paced.

Plagiarism and Cheating Policy:

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 situation. Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero 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.

Add/Drop Policy:

In distance education, our coursework is used to determined your attendance. Students who fail to submit substantive coursework by due dates or complete assignment on the first day may be dropped from the class.

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.

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

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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 Aug. 16-21	Course overview and Introduction Buy Textbook: <i>Introduction to Political Science</i>	Complete Module 0
Week 2 Aug. 23-28	Chapter 1 – <i>Introduction: Is Politics to Blame?</i>	Complete Module 1
Week 3 Aug. 30 – Sept. 4	Chapter 2 – <i>Political Philosophy and its Offshoot: Political Science</i>	Complete Module 2
Week 4 Sept. 7-11	Chapter 3 - <i>Ideologies</i>	Complete Module 3
Week 5 Sept. 13 -18	Chapter 4 - <i>States</i>	Complete Module 4 Assignment #1 Due
Week 6 Sept. 20-25	Chapter 5 - <i>Governments</i>	Complete Module 5
Week 7 Sept. 27-Oct. 2	Chapter 5 – <i>Governments</i> (continued)	Complete Module 5 A
Week 8 Oct. 4-9	Chapter 6 – <i>Individual Participation and Collective Action</i>	Complete Module 6
Week 9 Oct. 11-16	Chapter 7 – <i>Inside Liberal Democracy I: Representation</i>	Complete Module 7
Week 10 Oct. 18-23	Chapter 8 – <i>Inside Liberal Democracy II: Power & Policymaking</i>	Complete Module 8 Assignment #2 Due
Week 11 Oct. 25-30	Chapter 9 – <i>Political Economies</i>	Complete Module 9
Week 12 Nov. 1-6	Chapter 10 - <i>Economic Development & Growth</i>	Complete Module 10
Nov. 6	Last Day to Drop Class with a “W”	
Week 13 Nov. 8-13	Chapter 11 – <i>Political Change: Authoritarianism and Democratization</i>	Complete Module 11
Week 14 Nov. 15-20	Chapter 12 – <i>Political Violence: War and Terrorism</i>	Complete Module 12



WEEK	Topic and Readings	Assignments
Nov. 22-27	Thanksgiving Holiday – No Class	
Week 15 Nov. 29 – Dec. 4	Chapter 13 - <i>Globalization and Governance</i>	Complete Module 13
Week 17 De. 6 - 11	Course Review and Final Assignment	Complete Module 14 Assignment #3 Due

*****Subject to change without prior notice*****