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PSC 100 Nevada Constitution

Course Objective

This course has been designed to provide an overview of Nevada history and politics. Upon completion of this course, the student will understand the political institutions at work in the state of Nevada, will gain a familiarity with current political figures and issues, and will have an understanding of Nevada's position within the federal system.

Grading

Your grade will be based on 3 quizzes worth 5 points each, a writing assignment worth 30 points, and a final exam worth 55 points for a total of 100 points. Grades will be calculated using a standard grading scale as follows: 93-100 A, 90-92 A-, 87-89 B+, 83-86 B, 80-82 B-, 77-79 C+, 73-76 C, 70-72 C-, 67-69 D+, 63-66 D, 60-62 D-, Under 60 F. If you decide to drop the class, you must do so according to University Policy, if you have not followed the proper procedures and your name appears on the grade sheet at the end of the class, I will be forced to give you an F.

Book

Bowers, *The Sagebrush State* 3rd edition

Reading

Week 1 Chapters 1, 2, & 6

Week 2 Chapters 7 & 8

Week 3 Chapters 4, 5, & 11

Week 4 Chapters 9 & 10

Week 5 Final Exam

Quizzes

A quiz worth 5 points will be given on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th weeks. The quiz will cover the previous week's lecture and/or reading material. For example, the week 2 quiz will cover materials from the week 1 lecture and chapters 1, 2, & 6. Please bring a Scantron sheet to every class.

Writing Assignment

You will be required to complete a short writing assignment worth 30 points. The topic of the assignment is a current event of your choice that pertains directly to the state of Nevada. Please cite two sources and include copies of the articles you cite with your paper. The paper should be 1-2 full pages double spaced, Times New Roman font, font size 12, 1 inch margins. In addition to the 1-2 typed pages, you will need to include a cover page and a bibliography. This assignment will be due on the third week of class. I will not accept papers on CD or via e-mail. Papers turned in after the start of class on the third week, will not be graded.

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Missed Work

Ordinarily no make-up will be given. However, if extraordinary circumstances seem to require one, then students must do the following in order to qualify: 1) inform the instructor of the problem prior to the exam itself, and 2) provide documentation afterward. Absolutely no make-up work will be accepted after the last day of class.

Class Conduct

Class attendance is crucial to your success in this course. If you arrive late please enter quietly and sit at the back of the class. If you must leave early, please notify me before the class begins. All cell phones, pagers, ipods, and other electronic devices must be turned off during the class. If you must leave your cell phone on in case of an emergency, please put it on vibrate and leave the room if you must take a call. If you will be using a laptop computer, please sit in the back row in order to keep from distracting other students.

*Official Extracurricular Activity: If the date of any of the examinations conflicts with an official extracurricular activity, notify the instructor 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.

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