

PSC 101-006
Introduction To American Politics
Fall, 2008
Office Hrs: Tue, 4:30 - 5:30 PM
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SYLLABUS

PSC 101 satisfies both the U.S. and Nevada Constitution requirements.

Your grade for this course will be based on the results of three examinations (30% each) plus your class attendance and participation (10%). While attendance normally counts for just this 10% the professor reserves the right to increase its value up to 50% if necessary deal with cases of chronic absence. Quizzes may also be given.

The following books are required for this course and should be purchased in one of the bookstores:

- Patterson, The American Democracy, (Text), 8th Edition
- Patterson, Study Guide to Accompany 'The American Democracy, 8th Edition
- Bowers, The Sagebrush State (3rd Edition)
- Academic Printing Services, UNLV, Student Workbook

Cell Phones: Please be certain turn off all cell phones prior to the start of each class. If your cell rings during class you will receive one warning. After that you will be asked to leave class for the rest of the evening.

Recording: I will be happy to allow you to record my lectures, if you ask permission. However, any unauthorized recording (on cell phone, camera, recorder, etc) and/or distribution will subject you to suit.

The UNLV Disability Resource Center (DRC) houses the resources for students with disabilities. If you have a documented disability that may require accommodations, you will need to contact the DRC for the coordination of services. The DRC is located in the Student Services Complex (SSC), Room 137. Their number is (702) 895-0866. For additional information please visit <http://www.unlv.edu/studentlife/drc>.

POLICY REGARDING MAKE-UP EXAMS: Ordinarily no makeups 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 at some time **prior** to the exam itself and (2) provide documentation afterwards. All make-up exams will be essay in nature. They will all be given on the afternoon of Wednesday, December 3, 2008. It is the responsibility of the individual student in need of a make-up to contact the teaching assistant to find out the exact time and place.

ERes: UNLV's Electronic Reserve Reading Service: All readings other than those in your textbooks are available on the internet at <http://ereserves.library.unlv.edu> At this site, input the bar code from your UNLV ID card and then simply follow the prompts provided by the system. If you have any questions or if problems arise, call the Library's Circulation Department at 895-2111.

Safety Warning: Last year there were attacks and carjackings in UNLV parking lots. These occurred during "evening class" hours. Be alert. Walk to your vehicles in groups.

August 26	Buy the books	
September 2	Patterson, <u>Text</u> - <u>Study Guide</u> -	Chapter 1 Chapter 1
September 9	Patterson, <u>Text</u> - <u>Study Guide</u> -	Chapter 2 Chapter 2
September 16	Patterson, <u>Text</u> - <u>Study Guide</u> -	Chapter 14 and pp 96 - 109 Chapters 14 and 4 (corresponding pages)
September 23 completion	Patterson, <u>Text</u> - <u>Study Guide</u> - ERes	Chapter 4 - completion Chapter 4 mailto:www.drscss@ccmail.nevada.edu - <u>New York Times</u> : A New Strategy to Discourage Driving Drunk
September 30	Patterson, <u>Text</u> - <u>Study Guide</u> -	Chapter 9 Chapter 9
October 7	No new reading	<i>EXAM on Part One of the Course</i> (chaps 1, 2, 4 & 14;Eres)
October 14	Patterson, <u>Text</u> - <u>Study Guide</u> - ERes	Chapter 8 Chapter 8 and corresponding sections <u>New York Times</u> : As Trucking Rules Are Eased, A Debate on Safety Grows
October 21	Patterson, <u>Text</u> - <u>Study Guide</u> -	pp. 344-353 and 300-324 Corresponding sections
October 28	Patterson, <u>Text</u> - <u>Study Guide</u> - ERes -	Pages 324-334 Corresponding sections Can Congress Drag the 1872 Mining Law into the 21 st Century?
November 4	No new reading	<i>EXAM on Part Two of the Course</i> (all materials September 30 - October 28)

<mailto:www.drcssc@ccmail.nevada.edu>. **WEEK OF** **READING**

November 11	Veterans' Day - No Class, but you should read: Patterson, <u>Text</u> - Chapter 12 <u>Study Guide</u> - Chapter 12
November 18	Patterson, <u>Text</u> - Chapter 17 <u>Study Guide</u> - Chapter 17
November 25	Patterson, <u>Text</u> - Chapter 13 <u>Study Guide</u> - Chapter 13 <u>The Sagebrush State</u> - Chapter 11
December 2	<u>The Sagebrush State</u> - Chapters 4 - 8
December 9	Finals Week <i>FINAL EXAM on Part Three of the Course</i> (All material November 11 - December 2)