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5:00-6:00 on the first Saturday and 12:00-1:00 on
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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.

The Final

The test will be administered about one half hour after the lecture on the second Saturday in the same room.

Grading

Your grade will be based on a 50 question final exam. Each question is worth 2 points. I will include 5 extra credit questions. 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

Book

Bowers, *The Sagebrush State* 3rd edition

Reading

Chapters 1-2, 4-11

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.

*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.

e-mail communication

The best way to contact me is via your Rebelmail account. Another method if the first fails is webcampus mail. Login to Webcampus and click your section number then click the mail icon. At the end of the course, I will post your grades on Webcampus.

Electronics

Please turn off all electronics upon entering the classroom. If you would like to use a computer to take notes please notify me of your intent and be aware that I reserve the right to ask you to turn it off at any time if I feel that your usage has become a distraction to me or to any student/s. If you are expecting a very important call, please let me know in advance. When the call comes in, please be very discreet and exit the classroom to talk to the person/s who have called you.

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Any student missing class quizzes, examinations, or any other class or lab work because of observance of religious holidays shall be given an opportunity during that semester to make up missed work. The make-up will apply to the religious holiday absence only. It shall be the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor no later than the last day at late registration of his or her intention to participate in religious holidays which do not fall on state holidays or periods of class recess. This policy shall not apply in the event that administering the test or examination at an alternate time would impose an undue hardship on the instructor or the university which could not be avoided.

<http://catalog.unlv.acalog.com/content.php?catoid=1&navoid=44&bc=1>

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One-on-one or small group assistance with writing is available free of charge to UNLV students at the Writing Center, located in CDC-3-301. Although walk-in consultations are sometimes available, students with appointments will receive priority assistance.

Appointments may be made in person or by calling 895-3908. The student's Rebel ID Card, a copy of the assignment (if possible), and two copies of any writing to be reviewed are requested for the consultation. More information can be found at: <http://writingcenter.unlv.edu/>