

POLS/CES 160
American Political Culture
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Office Hours: M/W 10:30-11:20

Attendance: Attendance is mandatory.

Essays: Papers are due on the dates set in the calendar below. Be aware that the calendar may change. I reserve the right to change due dates, etc. Please take the time to get the phone number of another student in class, or call or e-mail me when you miss to make sure that you are consistently meeting the demands of the class.

All papers must be typed with standard margins and font. Please use the title of the essay on the top of your paper to identify your essay. Each essay must also include the name of the author on each page. Hand in all relevant papers at the time the essay is due. Each essay is 2-3 full pages in length, typed and double spaced. Please do not submit longer papers. Short papers will also not be accepted. The instructor will not read short essays or long essays.

Essays are to be typed in 10 or 12 point, Times New Roman or a comparable font. If the formatting does not work or you cannot transmit in Word for any reason, do not worry. Just get the paper to me. I can fix the formatting or just ignore it. Focus on writing a strong essay and submitting it on time in full. Please submit papers in Word. If you do not have Word or you cannot submit in Word, please copy your paper into an email. I will try to download your work with my word processing program. If they are incompatible, you need to copy the paper into an email. If you need help with this function, please send me an email and I will send you directions.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Any student caught plagiarizing will receive a failing grade and their paper will be turned over to the appropriate authorities. The college subscribes to plagiarism web sites. Students may not use papers written for other courses. Each paper should be unique for this course. Any student who is unclear on plagiarism or the instructors and division policies regarding plagiarism should consult the student handbook, Social Science Division policies and the writing lab web site at Bellevue Community College.

Grading:

Participation__100
Paper 1 _____100
Paper 2 _____100
Paper 3 _____100
Midterm _____200
Final _____200

800 points possible

Paper prompts:

Paper 1: What were the founding principles of the US? How did they shape the Constitution?

Paper 2: Discuss De Tocqueville's assertions of the role of groups in domestic politics. What are the characteristics of the US that distinguish US political culture?

Paper 3: How did protest shape American Political Culture? Use at least one specific example.

Calendar

Week	Assignments Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 April 2-6	Framing American Political Thought Readings: 4. "Exerpts" 5. "Rights of the Colonists"				Note: Topics, lectures, discussions and Readings are complementary. They rarely repeat themes. You are responsible for all assignments throughout the course on exams and discussions.
Week 2 April 9-13	Declaring Independence 7. Paine "Common Sense" Paine "The Rights of Man"				
Week 3	Founding the Regime				

April 16-20	10. "Thoughts on Government" 12. "Federalist"				Essay #1 Due
Week 4 April 23-27	Founding Principles: Representation, Federalism, Separation of Powers, Checks and Balances 13. "Dissent" "Letter from Samuel Adams"				
Week 5 April 30- May 4	Reconstruction, Race, and Gender 23. The Various Phases of Anti-Slavery" 37. "The Souls of Black Folk"				Essay #2
Week 6 May 7-11	Foundations of Progressivism 40. "The Promise of American Life" 39. "Revolutionary Unionism"		Midterm		
Week 7 May 14-18	Protest Politics and Collective Action 48. "Letter from the Birmingham City Jail" 21. "Civil Disobedience"				
Week 8 May 21-25	Protest Politics and Collective Action 44. "The Public and It's problems" 67. "Democracy, the Web and the Politics of Patriarchy:"				
Week 9 May 28- June 1	Holiday No School	51. "Our Revolution is Unique". 53 "Women and the			

		Common Life””			
Week 10 June 4-8	53. “The Culture of Narcissism”				Essay #3 Due
Week 11 June 11-15					Final 11:30

This schedule is for your convenience only. This schedule is subject to change at the instructors' discretion at any time in the quarter.

The Final: The final is not cumulative in the traditional sense. I will not ask questions from the first half of the course on the final. However, some concepts are relevant to all portions of the course and you are welcome to bring those concepts in to the final. You are not required to and a perfect score does not require information directly from the first part of the course. I do award extra points for exceptional work or for creativity. Answer every question to the best of your ability. I definitely award points for humor.

IF I DO NOT RESPOND TO YOUR EMAIL WITHIN 48 HOURS DURING THE NORMAL WORK WEEK, ASSUME YOUR EMAIL DID NOT REACH ME. I have always responded within 48 hours to date. I may respond that I need a day or so to get back to you, but I will reply. If I don't reply, it is a good bet that I did not receive the email.

Welcome to the course and Enjoy!

PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION Revised Fall 2009

Cheating, Stealing and Plagiarizing*

Cheating, stealing and plagiarizing (using the ideas or words of another as one's own without crediting the source) and inappropriate/disruptive classroom behavior are violations of the Student Code of Conduct at Bellevue College. Examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to: talking out of turn, arriving late or leaving early without a valid reason, allowing cell phones/pagers to ring, and inappropriate behavior toward the instructor or classmates. The instructor can refer any violation of the Student Code of Conduct to the Dean of Student Services for possible probation or suspension from Bellevue College. Specific student rights, responsibilities and appeal procedures are listed in the Student Code of Conduct, available in the office of the Dean of Student Services.

Incomplete

If a student fails to complete all the required work for a course, an instructor may assign the grade of Incomplete ("I"). The student must complete the coursework by the end of the next quarter, or receive the assigned letter grade (usually an "F").

F Grade

Students who fail a course will receive a letter grade of "F."

Final Examination Schedule

The Social Science Division will adhere to the final examination schedule as stated in the BC Schedule. Final examinations will be held at the end of each quarter at fixed times. Instructors will not give examinations in advance of the regular schedule. A student who is absent from any examination held at any time during the quarter may forfeit the right to make up the examination. If, for illness or some other circumstance beyond the student's control, the student is unable to be present at any scheduled examination and has contacted the instructor on a timely basis, the student may be permitted to take such examination at a time designated by the instructor.

Withdrawal From Class

College policy states that students must formally withdraw from a class by the end of the seventh week of the quarter (Registration Office, B125). If a student has not withdrawn by that date, an appropriate letter grade will be assigned for the course.

Hardship Withdrawal

Instructors may assign the grade of "HW" (hardship withdrawal) at their discretion in the event that a student cannot complete the coursework due to extreme and exceptional circumstances. Students may also contact the Enrollment Services office BEFORE grades are assigned in cases of hardship.

Students Who Require Disability Accommodations:

Students with disabilities who have accommodation needs are encouraged to meet with the [Disability Resource Centre](#) (DRC) office located in B132 (telephone 425.564.2498 or TTY 425.564.4110), to establish their eligibility for accommodation. The DRC office will provide each eligible student with an accommodation letter. Students who require accommodation in class should review the DRC accommodation letter with each instructor during the first week of the quarter.

Students with mobility challenges who may need assistance in case of an emergency situation or evacuation should register with [Disability Resource Centre](#), and review those needs with the instructor as well.

Distribution of Grades

Grades will not be posted in the Social Science Division or in faculty offices, and secretaries will not give out grades. Students should access their grades through the BC Web site.

Return of Papers and Tests

Paper and/or Scantron score sheet returns will be arranged in the following ways ONLY: by mail, if student supplies the instructor with stamped, self-addressed envelope (with appropriate postage); or by the instructor designating a time and place whereby the student may retrieve his/her papers. Unclaimed papers and/or Scantron score sheets must be kept by the instructor for a minimum of sixty (60) instructional days following the end of the quarter.

*If you are accused of cheating, stealing exams and/or plagiarism, there is a Bellevue College Student Discipline and Appeals Procedure (the right to due process) which you may pursue. Contact the office of Division Chair (D110), the Dean of Student Services (B231A) or the Associated Student Body (C212) for information regarding the appeals process.