

Intro to Political Science Pol. Sci. # 1550	Spring 2010 Course Code # 44374
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Office Hours; M W F, 10:00-10:50am, 2:00-3:00pm, and by appoint on T & TH	Fees: None

TEXT: Roskin Et al, Political Science: An Introduction, 11/E
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Text Companion page: http://wps.prenhall.com/hss_roskin_political_10/, Text Companion Page includes chapter reviews, learning objectives, and sample tests. Course test will closely resemble the sample tests on the Companion page. (A Text Companion page for the 11th edition is forthcoming.)

COURSE DESCRIPTION See Undergraduate Bulletin

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE: This is a General Education Course that satisfies Societies and Institutions Knowledge Domain. (see Under Graduate Bulletin) The Course is designed to stress GER Goal #10 concerning the development of cultures and organizations of human societies, and Goal #11 concerning the impact of theories, events and institutions of the social, economic, legal and political aspects of society. (see General Education YSU Web Site)

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES: This course is an introduction to the political science discipline and the study of politics within the context of Globalization. Students will become familiar with political concepts, terminology, ideologies institutions and public policy. Key concepts are illustrated using examples from a variety of political systems, foreign and domestic. The course adopts a Political System approach to the study of politics that is designed to be consistent with YSU's Globalization General Education Requirements.

EVALUATION - SEMINARS, TESTS:

Tests The course is divided into three sections with an in class objective & and short answer exam over each section. In addition, there is a take-home final.

Case Studies: The course includes short one to two typed page papers (hand written work will not be accepted) based on the ACase Studies@ presented in the Text. (See page table of contents) Each student is required to complete ONE CASE STUDY PER SECTION, for a total of three case studies.

Extra Credit: Worth a maximum of 10 percent of total grade. Option One: Participate in one of the YSU Model UN programs sponsored fall semester by the Global Education Program, - more information and applications will be made available in class. If you are enrolled in Pol Sci 2695 - **No** double dipping

Option Two: Review an article on a contemporary issue. Article must be approved by instructor

GRADING: F - Failure to meet minimum requirements. D - Below average - did not meet all the minimum requirements C - Average - met the minimum requirements B - Above average - went beyond the minimum requirements A - Well above average - went well beyond the minimum requirements

GRADING SCALE: The grading scale is curved based on the highest point score achieved by the top student in the class. (highest score x 90% = "A", highest score x 80% = "B" and so on) The highest score, the mean and the median will be reported for each exam, but the grading curve is based on the totals at the end of the term. **INDIVIDUAL SECTIONAL TESTS ARE NOT ASSIGNED LETTER GRADES.**

Distribution: 60% Three Section Tests
20% Take Home Final
30% Three Seminar Papers, Plus 10% participation

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY: Any form of cheating or plagiarism **will** result in a failing grade for the term and the matter **may** be referred to the Deans office for further action. See the Undergraduate Bulletin, and the Student Code of Conduct for University policy.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: Students with disabilities must inform the instructor of any special needs for requirements. Prior to these arrangements the student must be registered with handicapped services. (See undergraduate bulletin disability services and YSU Web Site)

READING SCHEDULE

Date/Week	Topic	Reading
8/24-9/23	Section One: Introduction to Government, Politics, Political Science, Theory, and Ideologies	1-116
9/25	Section Test 1	
9/28-10/26	Section Two: Political Attitudes & Interactions, Interest Groups, Political Parties	117-230
10/28	Section Test 2	
10/30-12/4	Section Three: Public Policy, Political System, Politics & the economy	231-354
12/4 Last Day of Class	Section Test 3, All extra Credit Due in Class Take Home Final Handed out, due in the Political Science Office, 444 DeBartolo Hall on Wednesday December 9, 2009	