

POLITICAL SCIENCE 1101
American Politics

This is an information sheet only, not the course syllabus.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Analysis of the dynamics and processes of the evolving American constitutional democracy: its origins, structure, and problems. Areas of study include an in-depth discussion of the U.S. constitution, federalism, civil liberties, interest groups, political parties, campaigns, elections, mass media, Congress, the courts, and the presidency. Prerequisite: None. (3 credit hours)

REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED COURSE MATERIALS

Please follow the instructions below to locate information on the textbook and other materials for this course.

1. From [COD home page](#), click on **myACCESS**.
2. Click on **Search for Credit Classes**.
3. From the **Term** drop-down box select the term.
4. Choose your course from the **Subjects** drop-down menu.
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7. From the **Course Types** drop-down menu select **Internet/Online**.
8. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on **SUBMIT**.
9. Click on the **Section Name and Title** link.
10. Click on **Click here for prices of required textbook(s) and supplies** and course material information will be displayed.

Alternatively, you can visit the [COD Bookstore](#) website to find this information.

COURSE TOPICS

This American Politics course will discuss the dynamic ways America's constitutional democracy has evolved as a cornerstone of human freedom. Its basic structures are being emulated in many countries throughout the world. Literally, people from all countries are clamoring to come to these shores. They know, indeed, that America is a land of opportunity, although many native-born Americans take much of it for granted. This course will scan the Nation's significant democratic origins, its organization and structural characteristics, and its political strengths and shortcomings.

COURSE ACTIVITIES

Unit	Activity
1	Assignments and test
2	Assignments and test
3	Assignments and test
4	Assignments and test
5	Assignments and test

EVALUATION/GRADING

Total usual points for the course equals 500 pts. @ 100 points per unit for 5 units.

Each unit contains:

Unit Item	Points per Lesson	Total Points
A Unit's 70 multiple choice questions	1 pt. /question	up to 70
A Unit's 5 Lessons Website Questions	6 pts. /lesson	up to 30
A Unit's 5 Optional Extra Credit Chatting	2 pts. /lesson	up to 10
Total usual points for a unit (not including extra credit chatting)		100

Percentage Grade	Letter Grade
100% - 90%	A
89% - 80%	B
79% - 70%	C
69% - 60%	D
Below 60%	F

SATISFACTORY/FAIL OPTION

The S/F grade option is available to students in this course. Contact the instructor or refer to the syllabus for details and conditions.

INCOMPLETE GRADE POLICY

If you may find that you are unable to complete the course by the end of the semester for some unavoidable reason you may request an Incomplete grade. Contact the instructor or refer to the course syllabus for details.