

American Politics

Course Name	Course type (credit/hours)	Elective course(3/3)		Course code	K082
	Target students Division/major/grade	Political Science and Diplomacy/Junior		Opening semester	2017 2ND SEMESTER
	Class time and classroom	Tue E(Yul252)Fri E(Yul252)		English Grade	A(100%English)
Reference to this course	Prerequisite courses				
	Related basic courses				
	Recommended concurrent courses				
	Related advanced courses				
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1. Introduction

This course aims to introduce American politics (political system and policy making). In order to explain the policy making process in the United States, this course focuses on constitutional foundations, political behavior, and institutions. Additionally, some policies and policy making processes are examined. We also discuss American politics in the perspective of comparative politics.

- * Regarding constitutional foundations, we will address the questions: What are the constitutional foundations? How do the foundations shape American politics and policy making?
- * Regarding political behavior, we will mainly explore the following question: What factors affect political behavior including public opinion and voting behavior?
- * Regarding institutions, this course examines the presidency and Congress.
- * Regarding public policies, we will discuss economic, social, and foreign policies.

2. Course Objectives

After taking this course, students will learn and understand the followings:

- * The institutional frameworks of the U.S. political system.
- * The relationship between political behavior and policy making.
- * The interactions between major political actors.
- * How to study social phenomena scientifically.

3. Class types and activities

Students are required to read all reading materials and actively participate in class discussions.

- * There will be two in-class exams. The exams are cumulative and can include both short answer and essay questions.
- * There may be quizzes and/or homework assignments. Quizzes are not announced ahead of time. Details about assignments will be announced in class.
- * Students need to present about a topic. Details about the presentation will be introduced in class.
- * This is an English intensive course. All assignments should be written in English. I do not grade your English but expect that all assignments are written in decent English.

4. Teaching Method

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> lecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> discussion and debate |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> team project(presentation and case studies) | <input type="checkbox"/> experiments(role-playing,etc) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> designing and production | <input type="checkbox"/> on-site learning(on-site training) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> others | |

5. Support Systems in Use

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e-class / AjouBb | <input type="checkbox"/> automatic recording system | <input type="checkbox"/> web-based assignment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cyber lecture | <input type="checkbox"/> online content | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> class behavior analyzing system | <input type="checkbox"/> others | |

6. Teaching Tools

<input type="checkbox"/> PBL(Problem Based Learning)	<input type="checkbox"/> CBL(Case Based Learning)	<input type="checkbox"/> TBL(Team Based Learning)
<input type="checkbox"/> UR(Undergraduate Research)	<input type="checkbox"/> FL(Flipped Learning)	<input type="checkbox"/> DSAL(Data Science Active Learning)
<input type="checkbox"/> others		

7. Knowledge and ability required for taking this course

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8. Method of Evaluation

Evaluation Item	The Number of Times	Evaluation Proportion	Remarks
Attendance			
midterm exam	1	20	
final exam	1	30	
quiz	00	20	
presentation	00	20	
discussion	00	10	
homework			
etc			
study hours			

9. Textbook and supplementary material

Main/Sub	Title (Web-site)	Writer	Publisher	Publication year
Main	Government in America: People, Politics, and Policy	Edwards, George III, Martin P. Wattenberg, and Robert L. Lineberry		
Etc	Other books about American politics			

10. Class system and Class shedule

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* language : K-korean, E-English

Weeks	Topics	language	Instructor	Teaching Method	Evaluation Method	Matter to be prepared
1	Introduction	E	Han Soo Lee			
2	How to study political science	E	Han Soo Lee			
3	The Constitution	E	Han Soo Lee			
4	Federalism	E	Han Soo Lee			
5	The Presidency	E	Han Soo Lee			
6	Congress	E	Han Soo Lee			
7	Political Parties	E	Han Soo Lee			
8	Exam 1	E	Han Soo Lee			
9	The Public and Public Opinion	E	Han Soo Lee			
10	Mass Media and Media Effects	E	Han Soo Lee			
11	Elections, Campaigns, and Voting	E	Han Soo Lee			
12	Economic Policy	E	Han Soo Lee			
13	Social Policy	E	Han Soo Lee			
14	Foreign Policy	E	Han Soo Lee			
15	Review	E	Han Soo Lee			
16	Exam 2	E	Han Soo Lee			

11. Other items of notification

Class attendance can be a part of your grade (participation). I highly recommend you to attend all class meetings. If students miss a certain number of the class meetings, no grade will be reported (F). Please check the university rules. Students are responsible for any problems (e.g. missing homework assignments and tests) caused by missing classes (except the university acceptable excuses). Also, note that I may deal with some materials that are not in the reading materials in class. Students who want reevaluation of their exams or assignments should submit a written (typed) request within a week following the date the exams/assignments are returned. No electronic device is allowed in class. No cellular phone! No laptop computer!