

POL S 380: Truth and Politics

Section Syllabus, Fall 2022

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Office Hours: Thursdays 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Sections:

Section AA (10:30am - 11:20am), ART 317

Section AB (11:30am - 12:20pm), ART 317

Section Objectives:

Discussion section is an opportunity to further your engagement in the course readings and the material covered in lectures. In section, we will discuss and make connections between readings, concepts from lecture, and current events when appropriate. The goal is not to duplicate material covered in lecture, but to clarify, synthesize, and articulate information from the readings as it applies to the course. It is also a chance to ask questions and debate issues in a smaller group. In order to do this, you will need to be engaged and involved in each discussion section. Further, you need to maintain an open and respectful attitude as we speak and listen to each other.

Policies & Etiquette:

- Please send emails from your UW email address, or I may not receive them. I will generally respond to emails within 24-36 hours, except during weekends and on holidays (note that I may not respond to an email sent within 24 hours prior to an exam).
- For the benefit of our discussions, and out of respect for others, do not use cell phones during section. Please do not record or photograph the TA or your peers without their consent during section. *Note that DRS related accommodations allows for exceptions to this policy.
- Expect to be challenged and remember that posing questions to each other is a tool we will frequently utilize. I expect each student to engage in thoughtful discussion and respect others' opinions during section. A respectful dialogue will only make our discussions more productive.

Grading & Course Schedule:

The course is graded as follows. Please note that you will submit your papers through Canvas which will utilize Turnitin, a program that organizes online submissions and assists in detecting plagiarism.

Acknowledgment of course policies: 1%

Weekly response memos: 14%

Midterm exam: 25%

Paper: 30%

Final exam: 30%

See the schedule below for important course dates.

Response Memo 1 – Thursday, October 6

Response Memo 2 – Thursday, October 13

Response Memo 3 – Thursday, October 20

Midterm Exam – Tuesday, November 1

Response Memo 4 – Thursday, November 3

Response Memo 5 – Thursday, November 10

Veteran's Day – No section on public holiday – Friday, November 11

Response Memo 6 – Thursday, November 17

Course Paper – Monday, November 21

Thanksgiving – No lecture & section on public holiday – Thursday and Friday November 24-25

Response Memo 7 – Thursday, December 1

Final Exam – Thursday, December 15 (4:30pm – 6:20pm)

POLS/LSJ Writing Center:

This is a free and valuable resource that I highly recommend. For more details see:

<http://depts.washington.edu/pswrite/>

Academic Honesty:

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated under any circumstances. A suspected instance will be reported and disciplinary actions may ensue. For further detail about the University of Washington's academic honesty policy, please refer to:

<http://www.washington.edu/cssc/student-conductoverview/student-code-of-conduct/>

Access and Accommodations:

Disability Resources for Students (DRS) offers resources and coordinates reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. If you have not yet established services through DRS, but have a temporary or permanent disability that requires accommodations (this can include but not limited to: mental health, attention-related, learning, vision, hearing, physical or health impacts), you are welcome to contact DRS at 206-543-8924, or uwdrs@uw.edu.

See: <http://depts.washington.edu/uwdrs/>

Washington state law requires that UW develop a policy for accommodation of student absences or significant hardship due to reasons of faith or conscience, or for organized religious activities. The UW's policy, including more information about how to request an accommodation, is available at: <https://registrar.washington.edu/staffandfaculty/religiousaccommodations-policy/>. Accommodations must be requested within the first two weeks of this course using the Religious Accommodations Request form: <https://registrar.washington.edu/students/religious-accommodations-request/>.

Counseling Center:

The Counseling Center and Hall Health are excellent resources on campus that many UW students utilize. Students may get help with study skills, career decisions, substance abuse, relationship difficulties, anxiety, depression, or other concerns.

Counseling Center: <https://www.washington.edu/counseling/>

Hall Health: <http://depts.washington.edu/hhpccweb/>

Non-Discrimination:

University policy prohibits discrimination or harassment against a member of the University community because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, citizenship, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, or military status. Discriminatory behavior of any kind is detrimental to the classroom environment and will not be tolerated.