

GOVT 2306
State and Local Government
Spring 2017

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I've just enrolled in your class, and I missed the first day. What do I need to know?

A: Please read the syllabus. The syllabus includes details on all reading assignments and quizzes

Q: Can I use an earlier edition of the textbook?

A: I ask you to use the second edition of Champagne and Harpham. I am not familiar with earlier version of the textbook, and I don't know how each differs. I will be teaching out of the second edition. If you choose to use an earlier edition, it is your responsibility to take note of those differences.

Q: Should I attend class?

A: Yes

Q: Can I stop by your office anytime?

A: Yes, you can stop by my office anytime. However, I may not always be in office unless you visit during my scheduled office hours.

Q: Do you give opportunities for extra credit?

A: From time to time, I offer extra credit questions on the exams. Outside of that, I give no extra credit points.

Q: Do we have a comprehensive final exam?

A: No. Each test covers specific chapters. There is no final exam for this course, the last exam covers chapters 10 – 13 on April 28 which is the last day of classes.

Q: What if I miss an exam? Can I make it up later?

A: No. However, I accommodate for students who miss exams for school sanctioned activities. If you have a school sanctioned activity, please let me know before the exam. You must provide proof. If you miss for reasons other than a school sanctioned activity, then you have the option to drop that exam grade, which would otherwise be a zero. Remember you can only drop one exam grade.

Q: May I take an exam early?

A: No. However, I accommodate exam dates for school sanctioned activities. If you have a school sanctioned activity, please let me know before the exam. You must provide proof.

Q: Can you give me an extra point to bump my test grade up to the next letter grade?

A: No. This question refers to extra credit. From time to time, I offer extra credit questions on the exams. Outside of that, I give no extra credit points.

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Q: Can you give me extra points at the end of the semester to bump my final grade up to the next letter grade?

A: No.

Q: When are your office hours?

A: See syllabus.

Q: Where is your office?

A: See syllabus

Q: Where is the TA office?

A: See syllabus.

Q: Do you have any extra copies of the textbook that I can use?

A: No.

Q: What do you mean that I can drop my lowest test grade?

A: We have 5 exams in this course. At the end of the semester I will calculate your grade without including your lowest score. Let's say you sleep in and miss a test. You would receive a zero for the exam. However, I will drop this lowest grade in calculating your final grade. Essentially, I use your 4 best exams to calculate your final grade.

Q: My test grades are lower than I'd like them to be, how can I improve?

A: I would like all my students to do well in my class. I encourage you to talk with me or a TA about your study tactics and note taking.