**American Politics & Govt. Syllabus(2021-1)**

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| Course Title | American Politics & Government | Course No. | 35064 |
| Department/ Major | Political Science & International Relations | Credit/Hours | 3 |
| Class Time/ Classroom | Tue 6, Thu 4/Zoom ID: 844 458 4032 | | |
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**Ⅰ. Course Overview**

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| 1. Course Description |
| This course explores the structure and dynamics of American politics, in particular political interactions among U.S. political institutions, providing a broad-based introduction to the ideas and institutions that shape politics in the contemporary United States. We will focus our analysis on U.S. political history and political institutions including Congress, presidency, and courts. |
| 2. Prerequisites |
| None |
| 3. Course Format |
| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Lecture | Discussion/Presentation | Experiment/Practicum | Field Study | Other | | 90 % |  |  |  | 10 % |   (Instructor can change to match the actual format of the class.)  Explanation of course format:  This course is based on lectures, although student participation will be encouraged. We will focus our analysis on the U.S. political institutions such as Congress, presidency, and courts. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, non-face-to-face (online) lectures will be conducted using Zoom. |

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| 4. Course Objectives |
| The goal of this course is to help each student arrive at a deeper, more comprehensive understanding of the political forces that shape American government and politics and become proficient with some of the major facts, concepts, theories, and insights of American government/politics. |
| 5. Evaluation System |
| ☐ Relative evaluation ☑ Absolute evaluation ☐ Others :  - Explanation of evaluation system:   |  | | --- | | The criteria for absolute evaluation grade will be announced during the first class. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Midterm Exam | Final Exam | Quizzes | Presentation | Projects | Assignments | Participation | Other | | 40 % | 40 % | % | % | % | % | 20 % | % |   \* Evaluation of group projects may include peer evaluations. |

All students will be expected to attend each session and be active participants in them. Attendance/Participation will account for 20% of the final grade. Also, students need to take mid-term and final exams. Mid-term and final exams will account for 40%s of the final grade, respectively.

In sum, Attendance/Participation 20%, Mid-term 40%, and Final Exam 40%

**Ⅱ. Course Materials and Additional Readings**

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| 1. Required Materials |
| Hand-outs (ppt slides) will be uploaded on Ewha Cybercampus every week. |
| 2. Supplementary Materials |
| Recommended (but, not required) reference books for the course are:   Wilson, J. Q., DiIulio, J. J., & Bose, M. (2018). American Government: Institutions & Policies. Boston, Mass: Wadsworth Pub. Co.   미국정치연구회 (2013). 『미국 정부와 정치2』. 서울: 도서출판 오름. |
| 3. Optional Additional Readings |
| Ginsberg, B., Lowi, T. J., Weir, M., Tolbert, C. J., & Campbell, A. L. (2018). We the people: An introduction to American politics. New York: W.W. Norton & Company. |

**Ⅲ. Course Policies**

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| \* An 'F' will be given to students who were absent over 1/3 of the class time. |

**Ⅳ. Course Schedule (15 credit hours must be completed.)**

\* The reference books here are American Government: Institutions & Policies (Wilson et al. (2018)) and

미국 정부와 정치2 (미국정치연구회 (2013));

W: Wilson et al. (2018), 미: 미국정치연구회 (2013).

\*\* The dates of mid-term and final exams can be changed. The exam dates will be announced later in class.

| Week | Date | Topics & Class Materials, Assignments |
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| **Week 1** | (03/02) | Introduction to American Politics and Government (W 1.) |
| (03/04) | Course Overview (W 1.) |
| **Week 2** | (03/09) | The Founding and U.S. Constitution (1): History of Foundation (W 2-4, 미 1-4) |
| (03/11) | The Founding and U.S. Constitution (2): U.S. Constitution (W 2-4, 미 1-4) |
| **Week 3** | (03/16) | The Founding and U.S. Constitution (3): Federalism (W 2-4, 미 1-4) |
| (03/18) | The Founding and U.S. Constitution (4): Political Culture and Environments (W 2-4, 미 1-4) |
| **Week 4** | (03/23) | U.S. Political Parties (1):　The Nature of Political Party (W 9, 미 13) |
| (03/25) | U.S. Political Parties (2):　Political Party and Voters (W 9, 미 13) |
| **Week 5** | (03/30) | U.S. Political Parties (3): The Characteristics of US Political Parties (W 9, 미 13) |
| (04/01) | U.S. Political Parties (4): Two Party System in the United States (a) (W 9, 미 13) |
| **Week 6** | (04/06) | U.S. Political Parties (5): Two Party System in the United States (b) (W 9, 미 13) |
| (04/08) | U.S. Congress (1): The Authority of US Congress (W 13, 미 5) |
| **Week 7** | (04/13) | U.S. Congress (2): Congressional Composition (a) (W 13, 미 5) |
| (04/15) | U.S. Congress (3): Congressional Composition (b) (W 13, 미 5) |
| **Week 8** | (04/20) | U.S. Congress (4): Legislative Process (a) (W 13, 미 5) |
| (04/22) | U.S. Congress (5): Legislative Process (b) (W 13, 미 5) |
| **Week 9** | (04/27) | Mid-term Exam |
| (04/29) | U.S. President (1): Presidential System (W 14, 미 6) |
| **Week 10** | (05/04) | U.S. President (2): Presidential Authority (W 14, 미 6) |
| (05/06) | U.S. President (3): Presidential Power (a) (W 14, 미 6) |
| **Week 11** | (05/11) | U.S. President (4): Presidential Power (b) (W 14, 미 6) |
| (05/13) | U.S. President (5): Presidential Characteristics (a) (W 14, 미 6) |
| **Week 12** | (05/18) | U.S. President (6): Presidential Characteristics (W 14, 미 6) |
| (05/20) | U.S. Courts (1): Composition and Works (W 16, 미 7) |
| **Week 13** | (05/25) | U.S. Courts (2): Political Ideology (W 16, 미 7) |
| (05/27) | U.S. Courts (3): Political Power and Characteristics (a) (W 16, 미 7) |
| **Week 14** | (06/01) | U.S. Courts (4): Political Power and Characteristics (b) (W 16, 미 7) |
| (06/03) | U.S. Courts (5): Appointment & Representativeness (a) (W 16, 미 7) |
| **Week 15** | (06/08) | U.S. Courts (6): Appointment & Representativeness (b) (W 16, 미 7) |
| (06/10) | Final Exam |

**Ⅴ. Special Accommodations**

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| \* According to the University regulation section #57-3, students with disabilities can request for special accommodations related to attendance, lectures, assignments, or tests by contacting the course professor at the beginning of semester. Based on the nature of the students’ request, students can receive support for such accommodations from the course professor or from the Support Center for Students with Disabilities (SCSD). Please refer to the below examples of the types of support available in the lectures, assignments, and evaluations.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Lecture | Assignments | Evaluation | | ․ Visual impairment : braille, enlarged  reading materials  ․ Hearing impairment : note-taking  assistant  ․ Physical impairment : access to classroom,  note-taking assistant | Extra days for submission,  alternative assignments | ․ Visual impairment : braille examination paper,  examination with voice support, longer  examination hours, note-taking assistant  ․ Hearing impairment : written examination  instead of oral  ․ Physical impairment : longer examination  hours, note-taking assistant |   - Actual support may vary depending on the course. |

\* The contents of this syllabus are not final—they may be updated.