



## **DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM**

### **POLITICAL SCIENCE 201: AMERICAN POLITICS DUAL ENROLLMENT SYLLABUS**

#### **INSTRUCTOR**

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#### **CATALOG DESCRIPTION**

Political Science 201: American Politics. Credit 3 hours. A study of the problems, principles, and structure of the American national political system. Offered every semester.

#### **COLLEGE CREDIT VIA DUAL ENROLLMENT**

Because Louisiana high schools do not have a World History class equivalent to History 101, this class usually will be offered as a television/streaming video class (for exceptions contact the Dual Enrollment Instructor of Record). The class will have four units as specified in the catalogue, each with ten about 1 hour lectures broadcast on the Southeastern Channel, and available via streaming video from the Southeastern website, and accessible through links in your Moodle course. To earn college credit for History 101, students must view all forty- four lectures; complete all readings assigned by Southeastern's Department of History and Political Science; and earn a cumulative passing grade on four college-level exams and additional quizzes. The Dual Enrollment Coordinator will be instructor of record and will be responsible for quizzes, exams, grades, etc. Students must have adequate access to technology resources to complete this course. Southeastern's History 101 Dual Enrollment course may be facilitated in a year-long format or in a semester-long format.

#### **TRANSFERABILITY OF DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES**

It is incumbent upon all students and parents to determine the transferability of Dual Enrollment courses to other institutions. For in-state institutions, Southeastern courses can be cross-referenced using the Statewide Articulation Matrix to determine transferability, <https://regents.la.gov/master-course-articulation>. Out-of-state institutions should be consulted to determine transferability.

## **TEXTBOOK**

Barbara A. Bardes, Mack C. Shelley II, Steffen W. Schmidt, American Government and Politics Today, 20<sup>th</sup> edition, <https://www.cengage.com/c/american-government-and-politics-today-the-essentials-20e-bardes/9780357458426/>

## **ONLINE RESOURCE MATERIAL**

Cengage MindTap: access to Cengage MindTap is included with the course and provides e-textbooks. (Found under the Course Information tab in Moodle.)

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

This class will provide students with an understanding of the American Federal system of government, prepare them to engage analytically and critically with America politics, and encourage them to draw their own well-informed conclusions based on reliable evidence.

## **MEASURABLE OUTCOMES**

Upon completion of this course students should understand and be able to explain the following.

- The creation of American democracy
- The Declaration of Independence and Articles of Confederation
- The United States Constitution, The Bill of Rights, and Subsequent Amendments
- The Federal System and its relationship to the states
- The Presidency, Cabinet, and Administrative Offices
- The Congress, Legislation, and Taxation
- The Supreme Court, Judicial Review, Major Cases, and Other Federal Courts
- Public Administration and Public Policy
- Foreign Policy, Diplomacy, and Warfare
- Political Parties
- Political Campaigns
- Interest Groups
- The Role of Media and Social Media in Politics

## **OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION**

Use your Southeastern Louisiana University email account for all communication with the university. Check your email and Moodle announcements

## **SYLLABUS VALIDATION**

By the end of the drop/add period, all students must access and read the syllabus on the Moodle site for the class and complete the syllabus verification process. Make sure to click and read the Policy Statements first. You must click on all of the policies statements in order to open the validation link. Then click on the link to Validate your syllabus. Click: I have read and

understand the information contained in both the course syllabus and policy statements. Click Save my Choice. Make sure to follow all prompts in order to submit

## **EXAMS AND QUIZZES**

There will be a major exam on material from lectures, reading, and supplementary sources corresponding to each of the five units in the textbook: the American System: Civil Rights and Liberties; People and Politics; Political Institutions; and Public Policy. The instructor may elect to give chapter quizzes as preparation for the major exams.

## **SOUTHEASTERN GRADING SCALE**

Grading: Grades in the 90s are As; 80s, Bs; 70s, Cs; 60s, Ds; below 60, Fs. Each exam counts 100 points. Students must take all exams in order to pass the course.