

American Politics

Course Name	Course type (credit/hours)	Elective course(3/3)			Course code	K083
	Target students Division/major/grade	Political Science and Diplomacy/Junior			Opening semester	2021 2ND SEMESTER
	Class time and classroom	Mon F(Yul257)Thu F(Yul257)			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. In order to understand the policy making process in the United States, we mainly study constitutional foundations and political institutions, such as the president and Congress. 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 of the U.S. political system? How do the foundations shape American politics and policy making?

Regarding political institutions, we will study the presidency, congress, and political parties.

Regarding the U.S. elections, we will explore electoral systems and voting behavior.

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 supposed to read 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.

Students are taking quizzes. Quizzes are not announced ahead of time.

Students need to present a research project. 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.

No late assignment will be reviewed.

4. Teaching Method

☒ lecture

☒ discussion and debate

☒ team project(presentation and case studies)

☐ experiments(role-playing,etc)

☐ designing and production

☐ on-site learning(on-site training)

☐ others

5. Support Systems in Use

☒ AjouBb

☐ automatic recording system

☐ web-based assignment

☐ cyber lecture

☐ online content

☐ class behavior analyzing system

☐ others

6. Teaching Tools

☐ PBL(Problem Based Learning)

☐ CBL(Case Based Learning)

☐ TBL(Team Based Learning)

☐ UR(Undergraduate Research)

☐ FL(Flipped Learning)

☐ DSAL(Data Science Active Learning)

☐ 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	35	
quiz	00	15	
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		
Sub	미국정부와 정치 2	미국정치연구회		

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	Constitution	E	Han Soo Lee			
4	Constitution	E	Han Soo Lee			
5	Federalism	E	Han Soo Lee			
6	Federalism	E	Han Soo Lee			
7	Review	E	Han Soo Lee			
8	Exam 1	E	Han Soo Lee			
9	Presidency	E	Han Soo Lee			
10	Presidency	E	Han Soo Lee			
11	Congress	E	Han Soo Lee			
12	Congress	E	Han Soo Lee			
13	Political party	E	Han Soo Lee			
14	Political party	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!