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College of Social Science/Department of Political Science  
Political Science 101: American Government for Teachers, Section 1,  
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Canvas
Copies of the course materials such as the syllabus, major assignment handouts, etc. may be found through Canvas at http://www.sjsu.edu/at/ec/canvas/index.html Please login to Canvas using your SJSU 9-digit ID (for example: 00591888) and your password. You are responsible for regularly checking Canvas for important information.

Course Description
This course is intended to introduce future teachers to the fundamentals of American government and politics. The course includes practical applications of the historic basis of American political ideas, themes, and principles as a means of acquainting students with the complexities of the American political system. The course will focus on providing future teachers with practical instructional strategies and classroom methods to engage their own future students in learning. 3 Units

Course Goals and Student Learning Objectives
At the end of this course, students should be able to demonstrate:
1. A practical application of the foundations of the political system, including the evolution of the philosophies of the U. S. and California Constitutions, political culture, separation of powers, bureaucracy, federalism and relations among various levels of government within an international, comparative context.
2. An understanding of the operation of California government, including the similarities and differences between the California and U.S. Constitutions, the relationship between state and local government in California, the basic issues of California politics and a careful assessment of the impact of demographic changes on the history and politics of the state and nation.
3. An understanding of the California Social Science Standards for Grades 9-12 as they specifically relate to teaching Government and Civics as well as Common Core State Standards for English and Social Sciences.
4. A variety of teaching, discussion, and classroom management strategies that engage students in democratic practices and thinking inside and outside the classroom.
5. The ability to create meaningful formative assessments for a 12 grade Government and Civics class.
6. The ability to create a unit and lesson plans based on the California Standards for grade 12.

Required Texts


http://www.corestandards.org/assets/CCSSI_ELA%20Standards.pdf

Classroom Protocol

Full and informed attendance and participation is expected of all students. Please arrive on-time to class, attend each class meeting, keep up with all the readings, pay close attention and take notes during lectures, and actively participate in class discussions, model lessons, and debriefs. Refrain from text-messaging, e-mailing, web-surfing, and instant messaging or reading non-course related material during class time. Please turn off your cell phone and put it away when you come to class and do not answer phone calls in class nor send, receive, or read messages in class. Also, please do not record, transmit, or broadcast the lectures in any way.

University Policies
Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on the Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs Syllabus Information web page at http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/index.html.

Workload and Credit Hour Requirements
Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 45 hours over the length of the course (normally 3 hours per unit per week with 1 of the hours used for lecture) for instruction or preparation/studying or course related activities including but not limited to internships, labs, clinical practica. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus.

Dropping and Adding
Students are responsible for understanding the policies and procedures about add/drop, grade forgiveness, etc. Refer to the current semester’s Catalog Policies section at http://info.sjsu.edu/static/catalog/policies.html. Add/drop deadlines can be found on the current academic year calendars document on the Academic Calendars webpage at http://www.sjsu.edu/provost/services/academic_calendars/. The Late Drop Policy is available at http://www.sjsu.edu/aars/policies/latedrops/policy/. Students should be aware of the current deadlines and penalties for dropping classes. Information about the latest changes and news is available at the Advising Hub at http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/.

Assignments and Grading Policy
Your grade in this course will be based on a series of assignments, participation in class lessons and a active support and feedback given to fellow classmates. You must attend each class session in order to get full credit for participation in the interactive lessons and there is NO MAKE-UP or alternate assignment for this portion of the course grade. All assignments are to be turned in at the beginning of class on the due date. Please note that I DO NOT ACCEPT ANY LATE ASSIGNMENTS except in cases of documented illness or other documented emergency. When possible, you must notify me before the due date if you have an emergency situation. Please note: the assignment specifics and due dates in this syllabus are subject to change as necessary.
Assignments:

Assignment 1: Building Classroom Democracy  100 pts (Presentation and Paper)
Assignment 2: Teaching for Taboo Dialogue  100 pts (Group Presentation/handout)
Assignment 3: Deconstructing a lesson plan  100 pts (Individual Project)
Assignment 4: Teaching taboo Essay/inquiry  100 pts (Paper)
Assignment 5: Group unit plan  200 pts (Group presentation - 4 Lesson Plans)
Assignment 6: Educating for Insurgency Synthesis  200 pts (Paper)
Peer Evaluations  200 pts

- Evaluation for each presenter in class for assignments 1, 2 and 5 are mandatory.
  Evaluation forms will be provided during days of presentation by instructor

Total  1000 pts

Grading Scale (%):

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Academic integrity
Your commitment as a student to learning is evidenced by your enrollment at San Jose State University. The University’s Academic Integrity policy S07-2, located at http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/S07-2.htm, requires you to be honest in all your academic course work. Faculty members are required to report all infractions to the office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development. The Student Conduct and Ethical Development website is available at http://www.sjsu.edu/studentconduct/.

Instances of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Cheating on exams or plagiarism (presenting the work of another as your own, or the use of another person’s ideas without giving proper credit) will result in a failing grade and sanctions by the University. For this class, all assignments are to be completed by the individual student unless otherwise specified. If you would like to include your assignment or any material you have submitted, or plan to submit for another class, please note that SJSU’s Academic Integrity Policy S07-2 requires approval of instructors.

Campus Policy in Compliance with the American Disabilities Act
If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, or if you need to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible, or see me during office hours. Presidential Directive 97-03 at http://www.sjsu.edu/president/docs/directives/PD_1997-03.pdf requires that students with disabilities requesting accommodations must register with the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at http://www.drc.sjsu.edu/ to establish a record of their disability.
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**Major assignments explained, presentation order assigned** |
| 2    | Sept. 3 | No Class Labor Day – Mandatory relax for at least an hour |
| 3    | Sept. 10 | KWL Lesson- Starting from what students know  
Presentations: Building classroom Democracy 1-4  
Assignment 1 Due  
Readings: Intro, Chp 1 (Teaching the Taboo) |
| 4    | Sept 17 | Comparing Forms of Government - Engagement Strategies  
Presentations: Building classroom Democracy 5-8  
Readings: Chp 2-5 (Teaching the Taboo) |
| 5    | Sept 24th | Roots of American Democracy -Teaching with Sources  
Presentations: Building classroom Democracy 9-12  
Readings: Chp 6-7 (Teaching the Taboo) |
| 6    | Oct. 1st | Campaigning for president- Analyzing sources *Choose Groups*  
Presentations: Building classroom Democracy 12-16  
Readings: Chp 8-Coda (Teaching the Taboo) |
| 7    | Oct. 8th | The Bill of Rights-creating sources *Intro to Educating for Insurgency*  
Presentations: Teaching Taboo Dialogue 1-2  
Assignment 2 Due |
| 8    | Oct. 15th | Political Cartoon Analysis- Historical Skills/Commoncore  
Presentations: Teaching Taboo Dialogue groups 3-4  
Readings: Forward, Preface, Introduction (Educating for Insurgency) |
| 9    | Oct. 22nd | Role of Supreme Court -Designing a Lesson Plan  
Presentations: Teaching Taboo Dialogue groups 5-6  
Readings: Part 1 (Educating for Insurgency) completed by |
| 10   | Oct. 29th | Civil rights movement teaching Socratic Seminar-Lesson Plan Designs  
Presentations: Teaching Taboo Dialogue groups 7-8  
Educating for Insurgency reminders |
| 11   | Nov. 5th | FILM: War On Kids  
Assessment Strategies & Rubrics- final projects, Educating Insurgency –Inquiry Circle  
Readings: Part 2 (Educating for Insurgency)  
Assignment 3 due (Nov 5th) |
| 12   | Nov. 12th | No class veterans day |
| 13   | Nov. 19th | UNIT plan check ins  
Presentation: Educating for Insurgency inquiry circle  
Readings: Part 3- conclusion(Educating for Insurgency)  
Assignment 4 due (Nov 19th) |
| 14   | Nov. 26th | Group Unit Plan Presentations: Groups 1-3  
Assignment 5 Due |
| 15   | Dec 3rd | Group Unit Plan Presentations: Groups 4-6  
Assignment 5 Due |
| 16   | Dec. 10th | Group Unit Plan Presentations: Groups 7-8  
Assignment 5 Due --------------------------Final Class Reflections |
| 17   | FINALS WEEK Dec. 18th | Assignment 6 (Educating for Insurgency Synthesis due) |