PS 201 Introduction to U.S. Politics  
(On-Line Version)  
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Course Description  
This self-paced course will deepen your understanding of the institutions, processes, and problems of US politics. The textbook will expose you to a variety of viewpoints on some of the most important aspects of U.S. political cultures, political institutions, actors and political processes.

Required Texts  
Do NOT purchase older versions of the textbook because it will not adequately prepare you for the chapter tests. The course structure follows that of this required textbook; there is one exam per chapter.

Evaluation  
All exams will be taken on-line via CANVAS. The exams are all contained within the folder called "Tests." This is located on the upper lefthand green menu.

Your grade for the class will be based entirely on the chapter exams, all taken on-line via CANVAS. You will have 60 minutes to take each exam, and you may re-take this exam once, and the highest grade will be recorded. The number of questions per test may vary. These scores will then be averaged.

THERE IS NO MIDTERM OR FINAL EXAM IN THIS CLASS. YOU CAN TAKE THESE CHAPTERS EXAMS AT ANY TIME DURING THE TERM AS LONG AS YOU COMPLETELY THEM ALL BY THE END OF THE TERM.

Grading Scale:

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Technological Requirements:

- You will need regular access to a competent computer with web access.
- **No incompletes** can be given for this course due to its web-based nature. If you do not complete an exam for any reason, you will receive a “0.” If you have trouble accessing any exam, please contact me immediately.
- All exams must be completed by 11:59 p.m., Friday, September 4th.
- PS 201 cannot be repeated for credit – the traditional lecture course PS 201 and
the independent study/distance education course PS 201 are treated as the same course by the Registrar's office.

- Please email me with any questions from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, and I will respond within 24 hours.

Class Web Sites:

- CANVAS This web site is the main web site used for this class. All class information and assignments (except for midterm and final) will be run through this website. The grade center, where you can keep track of your quiz and examination scores, will also be hosted on CANVAS.

Chapter Exams – all due Friday, September 4th, 11:59pm.

The chapter exams can be found in CANVAS under the tab “Tests.” You will take one test for each chapter that will cover material in the *We the People* textbook. These are not proctored, but they are closed book. In order to take them you will need to promise that you are not looking things up in the book, sharing questions or answers with classmate, printing out the exam, or using a exam or exam answers provided by a classmate. **If you engage in any of these activities even once, your grade for all the tests will be a zero,** which will make it essentially impossible to pass the class.

You will be given 60 minutes to take each chapter exam. After completing the test, please make sure you press the submit button about 30 seconds before the 60 minute time limit because it takes the system about that long to process your quiz.

You have two attempts to take each test. You will receive the highest grade. You are not required to take the test two times. You must finish the test within the time allotted or you will not get a grade. If for some reason you lose a connection, you can use your second attempt to take the test again.

You can take the exams at any time and get ahead in the class. **Note: You have two attempts to take each test, therefore I will not reset tests except on very rare occasion.**