



SYLLABUS

Course Title	Contemporary and Political Issues
Course Number	PSI 243
Number of Credits	3
Course Dates	10/15/18 - 12/15/18
Instructor	Adam Morfeld
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Office Hours/Availability	I am available at any time for email and text. Given my busy work schedule, calls can be tough but I am happy to talk on the phone. My goal is to respond to email, texts, and calls within 24 hours.
Phone Number	Cell: 402-613-0724 (I accept texts)
Textbook Information: (e.g. title, edition, publisher, ISBN)	Taking Sides: <u>Clashing Views on Political Issues</u> , 18th ed., George McKenna and Stanley Feingold, McGraw Hill, 2012. Check with bookstore for ISBN number.
Additional Course Materials	None
Course Description	The purpose of this course will be to 1) create awareness and critical analysis of modern policy issues affecting local, state, and national politics, and 2) develop critical thinking skills into effective individual policy advocacy

	skills, and finally 3) touch on the various avenues to get involved with issue advocacy.
Program Outcomes	<p>a. Use analytical and creative thinking skills to gather and analyze information, to identify and solve problems, to determine potential outcome alternatives, and to make appropriate decisions</p> <p>b. Know and understand the policy- making process, the users of policy analysis, the resources for such analysis, and the environment in which such processes and activities occur</p> <p>c. Know and understand legislation and regulations that define the responsibilities of public agencies, employees, and all citizens</p> <p>d. Develop the ability to establish procedures that apply ethics, efficiency and effectiveness in serving the public</p> <p>e. Understand the value of diversity</p> <p>f. Understand the responsibilities of professional administrators in a democratic society and have an awareness of the responsibilities for leadership and responsiveness to both the immediate public interest and to the long- term public good</p>
Course Learning Outcomes/Objectives	Through lectures, reading the texts, writing of reaction papers, and critical discussion, at the end of the class you should: 1. Have a fundamental understanding of contemporary political issues and policies. 2. Have developed better skills in evaluating and analyzing the contours of contemporary political issues and policy. 3. Be able to think and write critically about concepts related to contemporary political issues and policy.
Technology Requirements	https://www.doane.edu/faq/minimum-computer-requirements

Course Schedule

Week or Module	Topic	Content	Assessments Matched to Learning Outcomes	Due Date & Time
Week 1	Introductions, class topics, and our role in public policy.	Read Unit 1	Begin to think about a local, state or federal policy issue you want to address	By the first class.

Grading Assessments

Type of Assessment	Points	Total possible points
(e.g. Vocabulary Quiz)	(e.g. 10 points each (weeks 1-5))	(e.g.. 50)

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Grade Scale

A+ = 97-100% A = 94-96% A- = 90-93% B+ = 87-89% B = 84-86% B- = 80-83%
 C+ = 77-79% C = 74-76% C- = 70-73% D+ = 67-69% D = 64-66% D- = 60-63%
 F= 59% or below

Participation Policy	<p>A student is expected to be prompt and regularly attend on-ground classes in their entirety. Regular engagement is expected for on-line courses. Participation in class discussions is an integral part of your grade.</p> <p>(Faculty to insert any additional class participation; see resource page for ideas.)</p>
Study Time	<p>Expectation of the amount of time the course requires students to spend preparing and completing assignments. Typically, students could expect to spend approximately 12 hours a week preparing for and actively participating in this 8-week 3 credit hour course. This actual time for study varies depending on students' backgrounds.</p>
Late Work	<p>(Include expectations regarding late work; please see attachment for examples.)</p>
Submitting Assignments	<p>(Include expectations regarding students' submission of assignments, for example, in class or in Blackboard.)</p>
Communication Policy including Assignment Feedback	<p>(State your policy on timeliness of communicating with students and length of time needed before assignments will be graded, e.g. 48 hours.)</p>
Academic Integrity Policy	<p>New Academic Integrity Policy to be released AUTM 2018</p>
Academic Support	<p>Please contact academicsupport@doane.edu https://www.doane.edu/graduate-and-adult/academic-support</p>

Disability Services	https://www.doane.edu/disability-services Doane University supports reasonable accommodations to allow participation by individuals with disabilities. Any request for accommodation must be initiated by the student as soon as possible. Each student receiving accommodations is responsible for his or her educational and personal needs while enrolled at Doane University. Please contact Chris Brady at chris.brady@doane.edu or 402-467-9031 for assistance.
Military Services	https://www.doane.edu/graduate-and-adult/military
Anti-Harassment Policy	http://catalog.doane.edu/content.php?catoid=5&navoid=452
Grade Appeal Process	http://catalog.doane.edu/content.php?catoid=5&navoid=238
Credit Hour Definition	Doane University follows the federal guideline defining a credit hour as one hour (50 minutes) of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out-of-class student work each week for approximately fifteen weeks (one semester), or the equivalent amount of work over a different time period (e.g., an 8-week term). This definition applies to courses regardless of delivery format, and thus includes in-person, online, and hybrid courses (combination of in-person and online). It also applies to internship, laboratory, performance, practicum, research, student teaching, and studio courses, among other contexts.
Syllabus Changes	Circumstances may occur which require adjustments to the syllabus. Changes will be made public at the earliest possible time.