





COURSE SCHEDULE:

Week 1: January 18  
Course Guidelines and Themes

Suggested discussion topics: Icebreakers. Getting to know one another.

UNIT 1: POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND REGIMES

Week 2: January 23 and 25  
The State

Read by January 23:  
" & K D S W Introduction" in Cases and Concepts  
" & K D S W H U " in Cases and Concepts

Suggested discussion topics: Can the study of politics be a science? What is the state? What is a regime? Why did modern states originate? Why are some states weak and others strong?

Week 3: January 30 and Feb 1  
Democracies

Read by January 30:  
" & K D S W H U " 3 ' H P R F U D Cases and Concepts / ' L Q

Suggested discussion topics: What is democracy? Why are some countries democracies and others non-democracies?

Week 4: February 6 and 8  
Presidential/Parliamentary Systems

Read by February 6:  
" & K D S W H U " 3 8 Q L W Cases and Concepts / ' L Q  
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Suggested discussion topics: What are different ways to organize a democracy? What are the consequences of presidential and parliamentary systems?

Week 5: February 13 and 15  
Electoral Systems

Read by February 13:  
" \$ U W L F O H " 3 7 K H & Party U.S. Parliament by Allen in Canvas  
" Start reading Spin Dictators (Chapters 1 and 2)

Suggested discussion topics: What are the consequences of different electoral rules? What are the consequences of the number of parties? Meet with your simulation parties!

Week 6: February 20 and 22  
Nondemocracies

Read by February 20:  
" Continue reading Spin Dictators (Chapters 3 through 5)

SHORT PAPER DUE TO CANVAS ON FEBRUARY 20 AT 8:00AM

Suggested discussion topics: Simulation of a parliamentary system!

Week 7: February 27 and March 1  
Regime Change

Read by February 27:  
" & K D S W H U " 3 5 Cases and Concepts  
" ) L Q L V K " Spin Dictators (Chapters 6 and 7; Chapter 8 not required)

Suggested discussion topics: How does Russia exemplify a nondemocratic political regime? How have dictatorships changed since the 20<sup>th</sup> century? Discuss Spin Dictators. Midterm review

Week 8a: March 6

MIDTERM 1 IS MONDAY, MARCH 6 IN CLASS

UNIT 2: POLITICAL ECONOMY

Week 8b: March 8  
Types of Political-Economic Systems

Read by March 8:  
" Chapter 4 "Political Economy" in

Suggested discussion topics:	What are different ways in which states intervene in markets? Why do some countries tax and redistribute more than others?
Week 9: March 13 and 15 Global Development and Underdevelopment	<u>Read by March 13:</u> " & K D S W H U 3 ' H Y H O R S C a s e s a n d C o n c e p t s L H V ' L Q " \$ U W L F O H 3 5 H Q W V D Q G ( F R Q R P L F ' H Y H O R S P H Q W ' ) Robinson in Canvas
Suggested discussion topics:	Why are some countries rich and others poor?
Week 10: March 20 and 22 Global Development and Underdevelopment Example	<u>Read by March 20:</u> " & K D S W H U 3 C a s e s a n d C o n c e p t s
Suggested discussion topics:	How does Mexico exemplify development and underdevelopment? How does it exemplify different explanations for underdevelopment?
Week 11: March 27 and 29	NO CLASS
Week 12: April 3 and 5 Economic Globalization	" & K D S W H U 3 * O R E D O L J D W C o m p a r a t i v e P o w e r ( H ) X W X U H Cases and Concepts
Suggested discussion topics:	How does globalization influence domestic politics around the world? Midterm review
	MIDTERM 2 IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 IN CLASS
	<u>UNIT 3: IDENTITY AND POLITICS</u>
Week 13b: April 10 and 12 Ethnicity, Race, and Politics	<u>Read by April 10:</u> " Chapter 3 "Nations and Society" in Cases and Concepts
Suggested discussion topics:	What are different forms of group identity? How are they relevant to politics?
Week 14: April 17 and 19 Ethnicity, Race, and Politics Example	<u>Read by April 17:</u> " & K D S W H U 3 6 R X O C a s e s a n d C o n c e p t s L Q
Suggested discussion topics:	What is the history and nature of race relations in South Africa?
Week 15: April 24 and 26 Religion and Politics	<u>Read by April 24:</u> " & K D S W H U C a s e s a n d C o n c e p t s
Suggested discussion topics:	Are some religions more amenable to democracy than others? How does religion shape politics in India?
	RESEARCH PAPER DUE TO CANVAS ON FRIDAY, <b>APRIL 28</b> AT 11:59PM
Week 16: May 1 and 3 Gender and Politics	<u>Read by May 1:</u> " 1 R Q H
Suggested discussion topics:	



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