POS3253 - Revolution and Political Violence
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Syllabus
Fall 2012

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Course Information

Course Name	POS3253 - Revolution and Political Violence
Credit Hours	3 Credit Hours
Semester/Year	Fall 2012
Location	Monday 6:00-8:50 pm; Comm 110

Course Description

This course heavily emphasizes theory and analysis, and primarily focuses on three areas: (1) the meaning of revolution and contrasting definitions; (2) the causes and reasons for revolution, or major explanatory theories; and (3) major examples of revolution, including historical and contemporary cases from key regions of the world. The overall goal of the course is to better understand and explain the historical forces that shape revolutionary events from a disciplined, rational and academic perspective. Selected contemporary revolutions will be covered, and several will be considered in greater depth.

Course Objectives

- Explore the meaning of revolution
- Evaluate key theories of revolution
- Apply theories to selected contemporary revolutions
- Analyze the effectiveness of explanatory "fit"
- Develop writing and analysis skills

Required Texts

DeFronzo, James. ***Revolutions and Revolutionary Movements***, 4th edition. Boulder: Westview Press, 2011. **MAIN TEXTBOOK.** (If you use earlier editions you are responsible for any differences in material.)

Kapuscinski, Ryszard. ***Shah of Shahs***. New York: Vintage Books, Random House, 1992. (Any edition ok.)

Kinzer, Stephen. ***All the Shah's Men: An American Coup and the Roots of Middle East Terror***. 2nd ed., Hoboken, N.J.: Wiley & Sons, 2008). (Any edition ok.)

Supplemental Texts

None required, but anything relating to revolution will be useful. See instructor if you want suggestions. Also keep up with current events and contemporary uprisings.

Course Requirements

Class lecture and readings are essential to the course, and regular attendance and participation are important to comprehend revolutionary theory and cases.

- ***EXAMS:*** There are ***TWO*** non-comprehensive examinations in this course consisting of essays, short answers and multiple choice questions. (These may be administered in class and/or online, depending on whether this is a live or online class.) ***Do not miss exams.*** If the midterm test is missed there will be a comprehensive final exam of much greater difficulty; missing the final test allows no make-up option and results in a zero. Unless instructed otherwise, bring two unmarked blue books to class on test days. In online classes all exams will be in webcourses and there will be further instructions. See schedule for dates.

- ***PAPERS:*** The paper assignment is a ***Critique Paper*** of ***10 pages*** comparing ***Shah of Shahs*** and ***All the Shah's Men.*** Instructions for the papers will be discussed further in class and posted online. Hard copies of papers are due at the beginning of class on the assigned day and are reduced a letter grade for lateness. Electronic copies must also be submitted before class on the date due (see schedule) via online link in webcourses to turnitin. To do well in this class: ***Do not hand in papers late.***

- ***PARTICIPATION and ATTENDANCE:*** You will be expected to participate and attend class regularly. A consistent record of absence (over 4 class days), lack of preparation, inattentiveness, or impolite behavior in class can also reduce your course grade and you may lose all of the points assigned for attendance. Try to be on time and stay the entire class.

See the course Schedule for all due dates, and be sure to hand in all assignments at the beginning of class and online into turnitin link in webcourses on the date due for full credit and to avoid a 10 point late penalty.

Evaluation and Grading

Grades are based on the required class components as discussed above and based on the grading distribution scale below.

Letter Grade	Points
A	93 – 100 points
A-	90 – 92 points
B+	87 – 89 points
B	83 – 86 points
B-	80 – 82 points
C+	77 – 79 points
C	73 – 76 points
C-	70 – 72 points
D+	67 – 69 points
D	63 – 66 points
D-	60 – 62 points
F	59 and below

Assignment	Percentage of Grade
Midterm Exam	30%
Final Exam	30%
Critique Paper	30%
Participation and Attendance	10%
Total	100%

Attendance Policy

It is important to attend class regularly as the material is difficult and lectures are not often covered in the readings. A consistent record of absence (over 4), lack of preparation, inattentiveness, or impolite behavior in class can also reduce your course grade. Try to be on time and stay the entire class.

Academic Honesty

Plagiarism and Cheating of any kind on an examination, quiz, or assignment will result at least in an "F" for that assignment (and may, depending on the severity of the case, lead to an "F" for the entire course) and may be subject to appropriate referral to the Office of Student Conduct for further action. See the UCF Golden Rule for further information. I will assume for this course that you will adhere to the academic creed of this University and will maintain the highest standards of academic integrity. In other words, don't cheat by giving answers to others or taking them from anyone else. I will also adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity, so please do not ask me to change (or expect

me to change) your grade illegitimately or to bend or break rules for one person that will not apply to everyone.

Disability Statement

The University of Central Florida is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities. This syllabus is available in alternate formats upon request. Students with disabilities who need accommodations in this course must contact the professor at the beginning of the semester to discuss needed accommodations. No accommodations will be provided until the student has met with the professor to request accommodations. Students who need accommodations must be registered with Student Disability Services, Student Resource Center Room 132, phone (407) 823-2371, TTY/TDD only phone (407) 823-2116, before requesting accommodations from the professor.

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