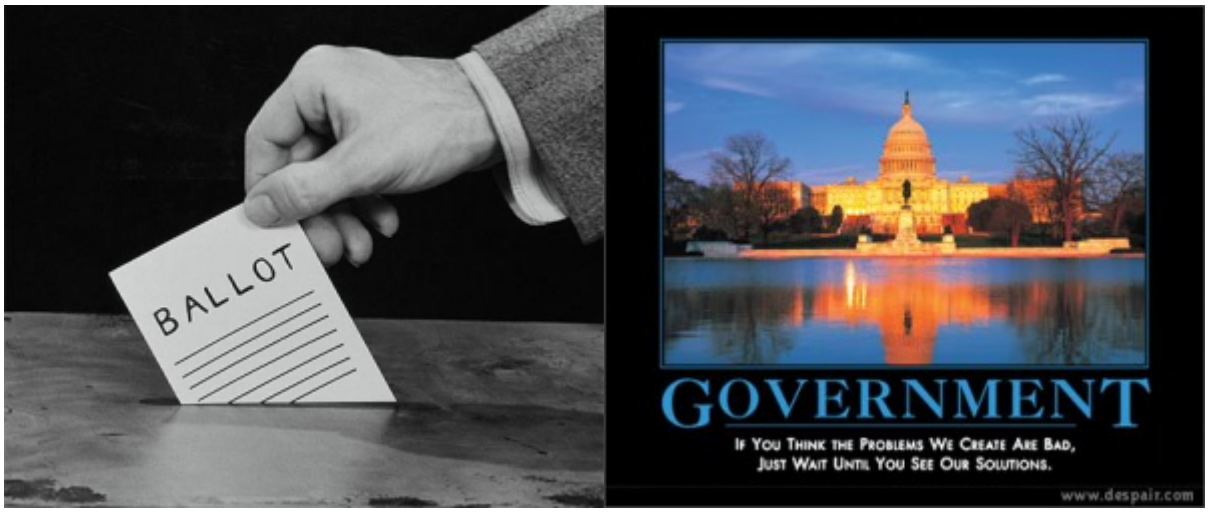

POS 3272-0W59 Civic Engagement
Course Syllabus

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World Wide Web

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Course page	Available through: https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1291456

Course Description: Formal and informal civic engagement methods in the United States across levels of government, sectors of society, and modes of interaction.

This course examines civic engagement in the United States across levels of government, sectors of society, and modes of interaction. Students are encouraged to critically reflect on citizen responsibilities in a democracy in their various roles across social spheres.

Civic engagement is meant here as "people participating together for deliberation and collective action within an array of interests, institutions and networks, developing civic identity, and involving people in governance processes" (Cooper, 2005, 534; see also Cooper, Bryer, and Meek, 2006, 76). Forms and intensities of individual and collective engagement can vary across levels of government, from school board and municipal government to the federal government, as well as across sectors of society, including homeowner or tenant associations, worker unions, voluntary associations, and political parties. Engagement takes on different shapes according to mode of interaction, such as face to face, text-based, and cyber interactions, as well as the parties to an interaction, including citizen-to-citizen, citizen-to-government, citizen-to-interest group, and interest group-to-government.

Students will have the opportunity to critically examine different forms of civic engagement, observe those forms in action, and to experience those forms through civic activity.

Course Objectives:

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

Analyze the factors motivating citizens to engage in the civic and political process
Develop approaches to civic problem solving at the community, local, state, national and international levels
Describe how the First Amendment has been utilized to foster civic engagement in the U.S.
Compare public approaches to citizenship
Evaluate civic engagement efforts to address a corporate issue
Synthesize connections between the public and government through civic engagement

Course Texts:

Dalton, Russell. J. 2015. *The Good Citizen: How A Younger Generation is Reshaping American Politics*, Second Edition. Washington, DC: CQ Press. ISBN: 978-1506318028.

Graham, Senator Bob with Chris Hand. 2016. *America, The Owner's Manual: You Can Fight City Hall-and Win*, Washington, DC: CQ Press. ISBN: 978-1506350585.

Other materials as assigned

University Policies

Academic Integrity:

Students should familiarize themselves with UCF's *Rules of Conduct*. According to Section 1, "Academic Misconduct," students are prohibited from engaging in:

Unauthorized assistance: Using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information or study aids in any academic exercise unless specifically authorized by the instructor of record. The unauthorized possession of examination or course-related material also constitutes cheating.

Communication to another through written, visual, electronic, or oral means: The presentation of material which has not been studied or learned, but rather was obtained through someone else's efforts and used as part of an examination, course assignment, or project.

Commercial use of academic material: Selling of course material to another person, student, and/or uploading course material to a third-party vendor without authorization or without the express written permission of the university and the instructor. Course materials include but are not limited to class notes, Instructor's PowerPoints, course syllabi, tests, quizzes, labs, instruction sheets, homework, study guides, handouts, etc.

Falsifying or misrepresenting the student's own academic work including:

Plagiarism: Using or appropriating another's work without any indication of the source, thereby attempting to convey the impression that such work is the student's own.
Multiple Submissions: Submitting the same academic work for credit more than once without the express written permission of the instructor.
Helping another violate academic behavior standards.

For more information about Academic Integrity, consult the International Center for Academic Integrity.

For more information about plagiarism and misuse of sources, see “Defining and Avoiding Plagiarism: The WPA Statement on Best Practices”.

Responses to Academic Dishonesty, Plagiarism, or Cheating:

Students should also familiarize themselves with the procedures for academic misconduct in UCF’s student handbook, *The Golden Rule*. UCF faculty members have a responsibility for students’ education and the value of a UCF degree, and so seek to prevent unethical behavior and when necessary respond to academic misconduct. Penalties can include a failing grade in an assignment or in the course, suspension or expulsion from the university, and/or a “Z Designation” on a student’s official transcript indicating academic dishonesty, where the final grade for this course will be preceded by the letter Z. For more information about the Z Designation consult *The Golden Rule*.

Course Accessibility Statement:

The University of Central Florida is committed to providing access and inclusion for all persons with disabilities. Students with disabilities who need disability-related access in this course should contact the professor as soon as possible. Students should also connect with Student Accessibility Services (SAS) (Ferrell Commons 185, sas@ucf.edu, phone 407-823-2371). Through Student Accessibility Services, a Course Accessibility Letter may be created and sent to professors, which informs faculty of potential access and accommodations that might be reasonable. Determining reasonable access and accommodations requires consideration of the course design, course learning objectives and the individual academic and course barriers experienced by the student.

Campus Safety Statement for Students in Online-Only Courses:

Though most emergency situations are primarily relevant to courses that meet in person, such incidents can also impact online students, either when they are on or near campus to participate in other courses or activities or when their course work is affected by off-campus emergencies. The following policies apply to courses in online modalities.

To stay informed about emergency situations, students can sign up to receive UCF text alerts by going to <https://my.ucf.edu> and logging in. Click on “Student Self Service” located on the left side of the screen in the toolbar, scroll down to the blue “Personal Information” heading on the Student Center screen, click on “UCF Alert”, fill out the information, including e-mail address, cell phone number, and cell phone provider, click “Apply” to save the changes, and then click “OK.”

Students with special needs related to emergency situations should speak with their instructors outside of class.

Make-Up Assignments for Authorized University Events or Co-curricular Activities:

Students who represent the university in an authorized event or activity (for example, student-athletes) and who are unable to meet a course deadline due to a conflict with that event must provide the instructor with documentation in advance to arrange a make-up. No penalty will be applied.

Religious Observances:

Students must notify their instructor in advance if they intend to miss class or an assignment deadline for a religious observance. One week advance notice is required at which point we will negotiate appropriate deadlines for assessments that will be missed.

Deployed Active Duty Military Students:

Students who are deployed active duty military and/or National Guard personnel and require accommodation should contact their instructors as soon as possible after the semester begins and/or after they receive notification of deployment to make related arrangements.

Assessment

Grades will be based on several Internet Learning Modules, discussions, and quizzes. The entire course will be conducted on-line; there will be no on-campus meetings.

Grades will be determined as follows:

Assessment Type (Number)	**Points Available**
Internet Learning Modules (8)	400 points each
Chapter Quizzes (19)	100 points each
Syllabus Quiz	0 points **(Note: The syllabus quiz score is not factored into the overall quiz score or the final grade although it is required that all students completed a scored assessment during the first week of the term)**
Discussions (6)	100 points each
Extra Credit "Civic Health in Civic Life" (optional)	50 points **(Note: The "Civic Health in Civic Life" module is an optional, extra credit assignment that will be made available during the last week of the course and will be due on the day of the final module)**

Grading Procedures

Final grades are based on the overall accumulated points. Numerical grades compute into letter grades as follows:

Letter Grade	Accumulated Points	Minimum Percent of Points Needed to Earn Grade
A	5200 and higher	91%

A-	5000-5199	88%
B+	4800-4999	84%
B	4600-4799	81%
B-	4400-4599	77%
C+	4200-4399	74%
C	4000-4199	70%
C-	3800-3999	67%
D+	3600-3799	63%
D	3400-3599	60%
D-	3200-3399	56%
F	3199 and lower	Less than 56%

Assignment Specifications

Assignment Type	**Specifications**
Chapter Quizzes	1.Chapter quizzes are open for one week before the deadline 2.Quizzes are due no later than 11pm on the due date 3. Two attempts are provided for each quiz; the higher of the two scores, whether the first or second attempt, will count toward your overall quiz grade (and not the average of the two).
Discussions	1. All discussion submissions are due no later than 11pm on the due date. 2. Discussions are completed in three parts. The first part is a two paragraph response (at least three substantial sentences per paragraph) to the question posted on the course discussion board. The response to the question on the course discussion board is called the "Initial Posting". The Initial Posting requires at least two cited quotes from the assigned course readings for that discussion to be eligible for credit. 3. The second and third parts of the discussions are one paragraph (at least three substantial sentences per paragraph) responses to at least two other Initial Posting responses posted by your student colleagues in the class. These are the "Response Postings". 4. A professional presentation is critically important. Five or more typographical errors for any full discussion (the Initial Posting and the two Response Postings) will result in no credit earned for that discussion. 5. Discussion credit is earned (full credit) or not earned (no credit). Partial credit is not awarded for any discussion. 6. To earn discussion credit, complete the Initial Posting and the two Response Postings, cite and proofread as assigned, cohere to paragraph

	length requirements, and submit the discussion on time.
Internet Learning Modules	Rubrics are provided at the end of each module.
Extra Credit "Civic Health in Civic Life" (optional)	The extra credit module includes reading several pages of text and completing a quiz. The quiz associated with the module may be taken twice.

All assignments are due on the day and time posted; late assignments may be submitted with prior arrangement with the instructor and submission of documentation explaining the emergency that prevented submitting the assignment on time. The instructor must be notified within 48 hours of the missed assignment (unless doing so is impossible and the reason is documented) in order to be eligible to submit that assignment late. Granting extensions on assignments is solely up to the discretion of the instructor.

Assessment, Assessment Rubric and Grading:

The course will be assessed using a combination of assessment types:

Assessment Type	Course Objectives Met
Internet Learning Modules	Demonstrate how civic engagement affects and is affected by political and electoral institutions
Discussions	Critique the role that mass and elite level factors play in mass-level civic engagement
Chapter quizzes	Identify how civic engagement affects and is affected by political, governmental and non-governmental institutions and organizations
Civic Health in Civic Life module	Analyze the factors motivating citizens to engage in the civic and political process

Recorded Final Grades

This course utilizes plus/minus grading. The recorded final grade will be one of the following: A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, F. There will be no A+, F+ or F-.

Grade	Grade Points	Grade	Grade Points
A	4.0	C	2.0
A-	3.75	C-	1.75
B+	3.25	D+	1.25
B	3.0	D	1.00
B-	2.75	D-	.75
C+	2.25	F	0

Course Policies:

Changes in the syllabus and/or schedule may be made at any time during the term. A revised syllabus may be issued at my discretion. Readings and assignments should be completed for the day listed.

Please contact me if you have any problems about the reading load, tips on getting the most from your reading, or the course in general. My office hours are listed above.

Schedule

Class Week	Assigned Reading	Assignments/Notes/Announcements
12am August 20- 11pm August 24	Course Syllabus	Syllabus Quiz due 8/24 11pm **Note: The syllabus quiz will not count toward your final grade. However, all students <u>must</u> complete the Syllabus Quiz due to federal requirements that must be fulfilled by the university.**
11pm August 24- 11pm August 31	Dalton Chapter 1 Dalton Chapter 2	Dalton Chapter 1 quiz due 8/31 11pm Dalton Chapter 2 quiz due 8/31 11pm Discussion 1 Initial Posting due 8/31 11pm
11pm August 31- 11pm September 7	Dalton Chapter 3	Dalton Chapter 3 quiz due 9/7 11pm Discussion 1 Response Postings due 9/7 11pm Internet Learning Module "Educating for Citizenship" due 9/7 11pm Labor Day observed September 3 University closed: September 3
11pm September 7- 11pm September 14	Dalton Chapter 4 Dalton Chapter 5	Dalton Chapter 4 quiz due 9/14 11pm Dalton Chapter 5 quiz due 9/14 11pm
11pm September 14- 11pm September 21	Dalton Chapter 6 Dalton Chapter 7	Dalton Chapter 6 quiz due 9/21 11pm Dalton Chapter 7 quiz due 9/21 11pm Discussion 2 Initial Posting due 9/21 11pm Internet Learning Module "First Amendment and Protest" due 9/21 11pm
11pm September 21- 11pm September 28	Dalton Chapter 8 Dalton Chapter 9 Dalton Epilogue	Dalton Chapter 8 quiz due 9/28 11pm Dalton Chapter 9 quiz due 9/28 11pm Note: There is no quiz for Dalton Epilogue Discussion 2 Response Postings due 9/28 11pm

11pm September 28- 11pm October 5		Discussion 3 Initial Posting due 10/5 11pm
11pm October 5- 11pm October 12		Discussion 3 Response Postings due 10/12 11pm Internet Learning Module: "Interest Groups" due 10/12 11pm
11pm October 12- 11pm October 19	Graham and Hand Prologue Graham and Hand Introduction	Note: There are no chapter quizzes for Graham and Hand Prologue and Graham and Hand Introduction Discussion 4 Initial Posting due 10/19 11pm Internet Learning Module: "Young People and Campaign Activism" due 10/19 11pm
11pm October 19- 11pm October 26	Graham and Hand Chapter 1 Graham and Hand Chapter 2	Graham and Hand Chapter 1 quiz due 10/26 11pm Graham and Hand Chapter 2 quiz due 10/26 11pm Discussion 4 Response Postings due 10/26 11pm University withdrawal deadline October 26
11pm October 26- 11pm November 2	Graham and Hand Chapter 3	Graham and Hand Chapter 3 quiz due 11/2 11pm Discussion 5 Initial Posting due 11/2 11pm Internet Learning Module: "Civic Engagement Reflection" due 11/2 11pm
11pm November 2- 11pm November 9	Graham and Hand Chapter 4 Graham and Hand Chapter 5	Graham and Hand Chapter 4 quiz due 11/9 11pm Graham and Hand Chapter 5 quiz due 11/9 11pm Discussion 5 Response Postings due 11/9 11pm Internet Learning Module: "The Media as a Tool for Civic Engagement" due 11/9 11pm
11pm November 9- 11pm November 16	Graham and Hand Chapter 6 Graham and Hand Chapter 7	Graham and Hand Chapter 6 quiz due 11/16 11pm Graham and Hand Chapter 7 quiz due 11/16 11pm Discussion 6 Initial Posting due 11/16 11pm Veterans Day is observed on Monday November 12 University closed: November 12
11pm November 16- 11pm November 23		No Assignment Enjoy your Thanksgiving Holiday

		University closed: November 22-24
November 23- November 30	Graham and Hand Chapter 8 Graham and Hand Chapter 9 Graham and Hand Chapter 10	Graham and Hand Chapter 8 quiz due 11/30 11pm Graham and Hand Chapter 9 quiz due 11/30 11pm Graham and Hand Chapter 10 quiz due 11/30 11pm Discussion 6 Response Postings due 11/30 11pm Internet Learning Module: "Civic Engagement in International Context" due 11/30 11pm
11pm WEDNESDAY December 5 **NOTE THE DAY**		Internet Learning Module: "Solving a Public Problem" due 12/5 11pm Extra Credit Module: "Civic Health in Civic Life" due 12/5 11pm