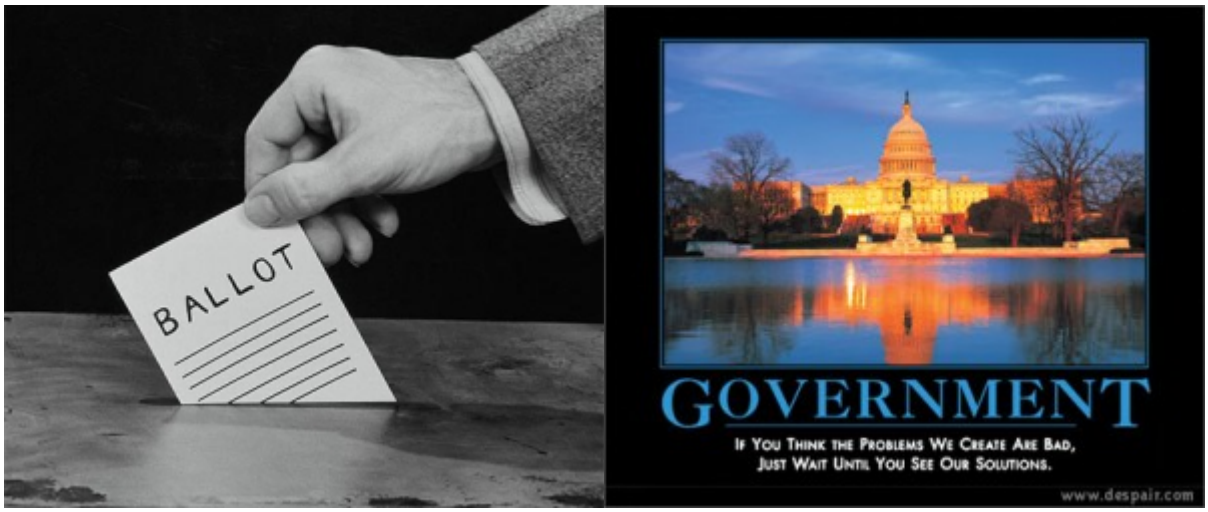

POS 3272-DW59 Civic Engagement
Course Syllabus

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

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 citizens' responsibilities in a democracy in their various roles across societal 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. 2009. *America, The Owner's Manual: Making Government Work for You*, Washington, DC: CQ Press. ISBN: 978-1-60426-476-0.

Other materials as assigned

Academic Honesty/Student Code of Conduct:

Plagiarism and cheating of any kind on an examination or assignment will result in an F **for the course** and will be subject to referral to the Office of Student Conduct for further action. See the UCF Golden Rule for further information (Available at: http://www.goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu/).

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.

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:

Internet Learning Modules (8)	400 points each
Quizzes (19)	100 points each
(Note: The syllabus quiz score is not factored into	

the overall quiz score or the final grade)	
Discussions (6)	100 points each

Grading Procedures

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

Letter Grade	Accumulated Points
A	5200 and higher
A-	5000-5199
B+	4800-4999
B	4600-4799
B-	4400-4599
C+	4200-4399
C	4000-4199
C-	3800-3999
D+	3600-3799
D	3400-3599
D-	3200-3399
F	3199 and lower

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.

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**	**Component of Final Grade**
Internet Learning Modules	Demonstrate how civic engagement affects and is affected by political and electoral institutions.	45%
Discussions	Critique the role that mass and elite level factors play in mass-level civic engagement	30%
Chapter quizzes	Identify how civic engagement affects and is affected by political, governmental and non-governmental institutions and organizations	25%

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:

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.

Plus/Minus Grading:

This course will be graded using plus/minus grading. Your 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-. Your transcript will reflect the calculation of grade points accordingly:

Grade	Grade Points	Grade	Grade Points
A	4.00	C	2.00
A-	3.75	C-	1.75
B+	3.25	D+	1.25
B	3.00	D	1.00
B-	2.75	D-	0.75
C+	2.25	F	0.00

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
May 16-May 20	Course Syllabus	Syllabus Quiz due 5/20 11pm **Note: The syllabus quiz will not count toward your final grade. However, all students <u>must</u> complete the Syllabus Quiz in order to fulfill federal financial aid requirements.**

May 23- May 27	Dalton Chapter 1 Dalton Chapter 2 Dalton Chapter 3	Dalton Chapter 1 quiz due 5/27 11pm Dalton Chapter 2 quiz due 5/27 11pm Dalton Chapter 3 quiz due 5/27 11pm Discussion 1 due 5/27 11pm Internet Learning Module "Educating for Citizenship" due 5/27 11pm
May 30- June 3	Dalton Chapter 4 Dalton Chapter 5 Dalton Chapter 6 Dalton Chapter 7	Dalton Chapter 4 quiz due 6/3 11pm Dalton Chapter 5 quiz due 6/3 11pm Dalton Chapter 6 quiz due 6/3 11pm Dalton Chapter 7 quiz due 6/3 11pm Discussion 2 due 6/3 11pm Internet Learning Module "First Amendment and Protest" due 6/3 11pm **Note: UCF is closed Monday, May 30 for the Memorial Day holiday**
June 6- June 10	Dalton Chapter 8 Dalton Chapter 9 Dalton Epilogue	Dalton Chapter 8 quiz due 6/10 11pm Dalton Chapter 9 quiz due 6/10 11pm Note: There is no quiz for Dalton Epilogue Discussion 3 due 6/10 11pm Internet Learning Module: "Interest Groups" due 6/10 11pm
June 13- June 17	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 due 6/17 11pm Internet Learning Module: "Young People and Campaign Activism" due 6/17 11pm
June 20- June 24	Graham and Hand Chapter 1 Graham and Hand Chapter 2 Graham and Hand Chapter 3	Graham and Hand Chapter 1 quiz due 6/24 11pm Graham and Hand Chapter 2 quiz due 6/24 11pm Graham and Hand Chapter 3 quiz due 6/24 11pm Discussion 5 due 6/24 11pm Internet Learning Module: "Civic Engagement Reflection" due 6/24 11pm
June 27- July 1	Graham and Hand Chapter 4 Graham and Hand	Graham and Hand Chapter 4 quiz due 7/1 11pm Graham and Hand Chapter 5 quiz due 7/1 11pm Graham and Hand Chapter 6 quiz due 7/1 11pm

	Chapter 5 Graham and Hand Chapter 6 Graham and Hand Chapter 7	Graham and Hand Chapter 7 quiz due 7/1 11pm Internet Learning Module: "The Media as a Tool for Civic Engagement" due 7/1 11pm
July 4-July 8	Graham and Hand Chapter 8 Graham and Hand Chapter 9 Graham and Hand Chapter 10	Graham and Hand Chapter 8 quiz due 7/8 11pm Graham and Hand Chapter 9 quiz due 7/8 11pm Graham and Hand Chapter 10 quiz due 7/8 11pm Discussion 6 due 7/8 11pm Internet Learning Module: "Civic Engagement in International Context" due 7/8 11pm **Note: UCF is closed Monday, July 4 for the Independence Day holiday**
July 11-July 15	No Assigned Reading	Internet Learning Module: "Solving a Public Problem" due **WEDNESDAY JULY 13 11pm (NOTE THE DAY)**