Instructor Information POS 3703 Fall 2020 W

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Course Information

- Term: Fall 2020
- Course Number & Section: POS 3703 0W68
- Course Name: Scope and Methods of Political Science
- Credit Hours: 3
- Class Meeting Days: N/A
- Class Meeting Time: N/A
- Class Location: N/A
- Course Modality: W

Enrollment Requirements

Course Prerequisites (if applicable): POS 2041 is a pre-requisite for this course. POS 3703 is a required course to graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science

Course Description

The scope and methodology of political analysis. Extensive examination of the discipline, research design and methodology used in political science.

Course Materials and Resources

Required Materials/Resources

- An IBM SPSS Companion to Political Analysis; Dr. Philip Pollock 5th edition
- The Essentials of Political Analysis; Dr Philip Pollock 5th edition
- Laptop or Desktop computer
- Access to SPSS through apps.ucf.edu

Optional Materials/Resources

- SPSS statistical analysis program purchase

Student Learning Outcomes

- Understand the principle terms and concepts associated with social science research.
- Students will be able to conduct social science research projects with accurate interpretation of results.
- Students should be able to read and understand academic literature with basic quantitative models, understand quantitative results in the media (e.g. opinion polls and surveys).
- Develop research designs, and formulate hypotheses.

Course Activities

- Midterm exam of 10% of final grade. Exam will consist of multiple choice, short answer, and essay questions, as well as interpretation of tables and graphs. The midterm will be online and will be multiple choice, true false, and fill in the blank questions. (No makeup exams will be given without documented proof of an excused absence).***
- Lab Assignments- 10% of final grade. Lab assignments will be taken from the SPSS Companion and will be conducted using the SPSS statistical analysis program.
- Online Quizzes 20% of final grade..
- Online Discussions 20%
- Research design Project 15% of final grade- students will design an original research design project.
- Final Exam- 25% of final grade. This will consist of multiple choice, short answer, and graphic interpretation. The Final Exam will be online and will be cumulative and consist of multiple choice, true- false, and full in the blank questions.

- The student needs to have regular access to the internet and plan on logging into the course everyday. Students will also need to access SPSS. This can be accessed through apps.ucf.edu, in the Political Science Lab, and in the library, or by purchasing the program.

Activity Submissions

All assignments will be submitted through the UCF Webcourse for this class. No assignments will be accepted by any other method including through course email.

Attendance/Participation

This is a fully online course, therefore attendance is not required. However, it is your responsibility to participate in all online discussions and assignments and to submit all work on time.

Make-up Exams and Assignments

Per university policy, you are allowed to submit make-up work (or an equivalent, alternate assignment) for authorized university-sponsored activities, religious observances, or legal obligations (such as jury duty). If this participation conflicts with your course assignments, I will offer a reasonable opportunity for you to complete missed assignments and/or exams. The make-up assignment and grading scale will be equivalent to the missed assignment and its grading scale. In the case of an authorized university activity, it is your responsibility to show me a signed copy of the Program Verification Form for which you will be absent, prior to the class in which the absence occurs. In any of these cases, please contact me ahead of time to notify me of upcoming needs.

Assessment and Grading Procedures

The table shows the weight distribution for each assignment.

Assignment	Percentage of Grade
Midterm exam	10%
Quizzes	20%
Lab assignments	10%
Discussions	20%
Research Design	15%
Final Exam	25%
Total	100%

The table shows the range for each letter grade and uses a plus/minus system.

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

Consult the latest Undergraduate or Graduate catalogLinks to an external site. for regulations and procedures regarding grading such as Incomplete grades, grade changes, and grade forgiveness.

University Services and Resources

Academic Services and Resources

A list of available academic support and learning services is available at UCF Student ServicesLinks to an external site.. Click on "Academic Support and Learning Services" on the right-hand side to filter.

Non-Academic Services and Resources

A list of non-academic support and services is also available at UCF Student ServicesLinks to an external site.. Click on "Support" on the right-hand side to filter. If you are a UCF Online student, please consult the UCF Online Student GuidelinesLinks to an external site. for more information about your access to non-academic services.

Policy Statements

Academic Integrity

Course Accessibility Statement

Campus Safety Statement

Deployed Active Duty Military Students

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Third-Party Software and FERPA

Schedule

August 24th-August 28th	Financial aid activity quiz due by 5pm on 8/28/2020 Module 0 Getting Started with POS 3703

August 29th- September 6th	Module 1 Please read Module 1 in webcourses and complete all Module 1 assignments by 11:59pm Sept 6th, 2020
Sept 8th- Sept 13th 9/7 is labor day	Module 2 Please read Module 2 and complete all assignments by 11:59pm Sept 13th, 2020
Sept 14th – Sept 20th	Module 3 all assignments due by 11:59pm Sunday Sept 20th
Sept 21st- Sept 27th	Module 4 all assignments due by 11:59 pm Sunday Sept 27th
Sept 28th- Oct 4th	Module 5 all assignments due by 11:59pm Sunday Oct 4th
Oct 5th -Oct 11th	Midterm due by 11:59pm Sunday Oct 11th
Oct 12th- Oct 18th	Module 6 all assignments due by 11:59pm Oct 18th
Oct 19th-Oct 25th	Module 7 all assignments due by 11:59pm Oct 25th
Oct 26th- Nov 1st	Module 8 all assignments due by 11:59 pm Nov 1
Nov 2nd- Nov 8th	Module 9 all assignments due by 11:59 pm Nov 8th
Nov 9th- Nov 15th	Module 10 all assignments due by 11:59pm nov 15th
Nov 16th – Dec 1 Nov 25th – Sun 29th is Thanksgiving break	Module 11- Research Design Research design is due 11:59 pm Dec 1

Dec 4th- Dec 12th	Final exam due by 11:59 pm Dec 12th