POS 4961: Exit Course

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Course Information

- Course Name: Exit Course
- Course ID & Section: POS 4961-0001 and W60
- Zero Hour Credit Webcourse
- Semester/Year: Fall 2023
- Web Only Course

Course Description

This is a class for students graduating with degrees in Political Science and International & Global Studies. This webcourse helps students complete the Exit Exam and also provides students resources related to graduation.

The School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs requires all Political Science and International and Global Studies majors to take an Exit Exam during the semester they graduate. The Exit Exam is a standardized test that measures substantive knowledge. The Department uses data from the exit exam to assess its majors and continuously improve the services it provides UCF students.

This is not meant to be a difficult or time-consuming class. It is graded pass-fail. We have compiled material to address topics particularly useful to graduating seniors so it should be very useful to you. The course is organized in a series of modules. The first six are for informational purposes. Module 7 is the graduating senior survey. Module 8 is the SPSIA Exit Exam. You must complete the exit exam for your major to pass this class.

- Module 1. Start Here
- Module 2. Graduating from UCF
- Module 3. Resume Basics
- Module 4. Job Search Resources
- Module 5. Applying to Law School
- Module 6. Applying to Graduate School

- Module 7. Departmental Exit Surveys
- Module 8. SPSIA Exit Exam

You will unlock Modules 2-8 once you complete the "Start Here" Module. You can complete the numbered modules in any order you want.

START HERE MODULE

Course Objectives

- Identify resources for successful post-graduation plans,
- Fulfill exit exam requirements, and
- Collect data for program assessment purposes.

Required Texts and Supplemental Readings

- None (all resources are available as webcourse pages or external links)

Course Requirements

Your final grade is based on following component:

- **Completion of the SPSIA Political Science Exit Exam or SPSIA International and Global Studies Exit Exam** (depending on your major).

Missed Assignments/Make-Ups/Extra Credit

None.

Late Work

None.

Grading Scale

Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory

Any missing assignments are treated as 0 scores for the purposes of calculating final course grades.

Grades of "Incomplete"

Incomplete grades are given only in situations where unexpected emergencies prevent a student from completing the course and the remaining work can be completed the next semester. Your instructor is the final authority on whether you qualify for an incomplete. Incomplete work must be finished by the end of the subsequent semester or the “I” will automatically be recorded as an “F” on your transcript.

Group Work Policy

There are no group projects in this class. You are welcome to discuss course material with other students, but you are responsible for your own work.

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.

Professionalism Policy

Follow university policy and basic rules of etiquette. You must behave appropriately in all your class interactions.

University Writing Center

The University Writing Center (UWC) is a free resource for UCF undergraduates and graduates. At the UWC, a trained writing consultant will work individually with you on anything you're writing (in or out of class), at any point in the writing process from brainstorming to editing. Appointments are recommended, but not required. For more information or to make an appointment, visit the UWC website, stop by MOD 608, or call 407.823.2197.

You do not need to come to the UCF campus to receive help from a trained writing tutor. As a UCF student, you have access to writing tutors at the UCF Online Writing

Center. You can schedule an online consultation with a writing tutor. You can get the help you need to complete the Final Report of your Civic Engagement Project online at a time convenient to you! This service is free to you.

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 Accessibility Services, Ferrell Commons, 7F, Room 185, phone (407) 823-2371, TTY/TDD only phone (407) 823-2116, before requesting accommodations from the professor.

Emergency Procedures and Campus Safety

Students are encouraged to be aware of their surroundings and familiar with actions to take in various types of emergencies. For more information, see Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning Statement on Emergency Procedures and Campus Safety.

Accommodations for Active Duty Military Students

If you are a deployed active duty military student and feel that you may need a special accommodation due to that unique status, please contact the instructor to discuss your circumstances.

Religious Observances

Students are expected to notify their instructor in advance if they intend to miss class to observe a holy day of their religious faith (not already reflected in the normal class schedule). See current schedule of major religious holidays. For additional information, contact the Office of Diversity Initiatives at 407-823-6479.

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this online classroom environment and your use only. All copyright materials are credited to the copyright holder.

Third-Party Software and FERPA

During this course you might have the opportunity to use public online services and/or software applications sometimes called third-party software such as a blog or wiki. While some of these could be required assignments, you need **not** make any personally identifying information on a public site. Do not post or provide any private information about yourself or your classmates. Where appropriate you may use a pseudonym or nickname. Some written assignments posted publicly may require personal reflection/comments, but the assignments will not require you to disclose any personally identity-sensitive information. If you have any concerns about this, please contact your instructor.

Financial Aid Requirement

As of Fall, 2014, all faculty are required to document students' academic activity at the beginning of each course. In order to document that you began this course, please ***complete the Evidence of Academic Engagement Quiz by the end of the first week of classes or as soon as possible after adding the course***. Failure to do so may result in a delay in the disbursement of your financial aid.

Title IX Policy

Title IX prohibits sex discrimination, including sexual misconduct, sexual violence, sexual harassment, and retaliation. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you can find resources available to support the victim, including confidential resources and information concerning reporting options at https://letsbeclear.ucf.edu and http://cares.sdes.ucf.edu/.

Course Summary:

Date	Details	Due
Fri Aug 25, 2023	Quiz Evidence of Academic Engagement Quiz	due by 11:59pm
Sat Dec 9, 2023	Graduating Political Science Majors Exit Survey	due by 11:59pm
	SPSIA Political Science Exit Exam	due by 11:59pm
	Graduating IGS Majors Exit Survey	due by 11:59pm
	SPSIA International and Global Studies Exit Exam	due by 11:59pm