# POS 3182 - FLORIDA POLITICS

**Section:** 0M01

*College of Sciences*

School of Politics, Security, and Intl Affairs

## Course Information

**Term:** Fall 2024
**Class Meeting Days:** T
**Class Meeting Time:** 09:00 - 10:20
**Class Meeting Location:** BA1 O122
**Modality:** M
**Credit Hours:** 3.00

## Course Description

POS 3182 COS-POLS 3(3,0)Florida Politics: PR: POS 2041 or C.I. Examines the foundations of Florida government and political behavior, political institutions, and public policy. Occasional.

## Course Accessibility

The University of Central Florida is committed to providing access and inclusion for all persons with disabilities. Students with disabilities who need access to course content due to course design limitations 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). For students connected with SAS, a Course Accessibility Letter may be created and sent to professors, which informs faculty of potential course access and accommodations that might be necessary and

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. Further conversation with SAS, faculty and the student may be warranted to ensure an accessible course experience.

## Academic Integrity

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

a. Academic misconduct is defined as any submitted work or behavior that obstructs the instructor of record's ability to accurately assess the student's understanding or completion of the course materials or degree requirements (e.g., assignment, quiz, and/or exam). Examples of academic misconduct include but are not limited to: plagiarism, unauthorized assistance to complete an academic exercise; unauthorized communication with others during an examination, course assignment, or project; falsifying or misrepresenting academic work; providing misleading information to create a personal advantage to complete course/degree requirements; or multiple submission(s) of academic work without permission of the instructor of record.

b. Any student who knowingly helps another violate academic behavior standards is also in violation of the standards.

c. Commercial Use of Academic Material. Selling of course material to another person and/or uploading course material to a third-party vendor without authorization or without the express written permission of the University and the instructor of record. Course materials include but are not limited to class notes, the instructor of record's slide deck, tests, quizzes, labs, instruction sheets, homework, study guides, and handouts.

d. Soliciting assistance with academic coursework and/or degree requirements. The solicitation of assistance with an assignment, lab, quiz, test, paper, etc., without authorization of the instructor of record or designee is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to asking for answers to a quiz, trading answers, or offering to pay another to complete an assignment. It is considered Academic Misconduct to solicit assistance with academic coursework and/or degree requirements, even if the

solicitation did not yield actual assistance (for example, if there was no response to the solicitation).

**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 respond to academic misconduct when necessary. Penalties for violating rules, policies, and instructions within this course can range from a zero on the exercise to an "F" letter grade in the course. In addition, an Academic Misconduct report could be filed with the Office of Student Conduct, which could lead to disciplinary warning, disciplinary probation, or deferred suspension or separation from the University through suspension, dismissal, or expulsion with the addition of a "Z" designation on one's transcript.

Being found in violation of academic conduct standards could result in a student having to disclose such behavior on a graduate school application, being removed from a leadership position within a student organization, the recipient of scholarships, participation in University activities such as study abroad, internships, etc.

Let's avoid all of this by demonstrating values of honesty, trust, and integrity. No grade is worth compromising your integrity and moving your moral compass. Stay true to doing the right thing: take the zero, not a shortcut.

## Title IX

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 Let's Be Clear and UCF Cares.

For more information on diversity and inclusion, Title IX, accessibility, or UCF's complaint processes contact:

- Title IX – OIE – Office of Institutional Equity & askanadvocate@ucf.edu

- Disability Accommodation – Student Accessibility Services – Student Accessibility Services & sas@ucf.edu
- Access and Community Engagement (including the Ginsberg Center for Inclusion and Community Engagement, Military and Veteran Student Success, and HSI Initiatives)
- UCF Compliance and Ethics Office – Compliance, Ethics, and Risk Office & complianceandethics@ucf.edu
- The Ombuds Office is a safe place to discuss concerns.

## Reporting an Incident or Issue

If you believe you have experienced abusive or discriminatory behavior by any faculty of staff member, contact the Office of Institutional Equity online or at 407-823-1336. You can also choose to report using the UCF Integrity Line and can report anonymously or as yourself at 1-855-877-6049 or using the online form. UCF cares about you and takes every report seriously. For more information see the Reporting an Incident or Issue Webpage.

## 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.

## Campus Safety

At UCF Public Safety and Police, safety is the top priority. Emergencies on campus are rare, but if one should arise, it's important to be familiar with some basic safety and security concepts.

- In an emergency, always dial 911.
- Every UCF classroom has an **Emergency Procedure Guide** posted on a wall near the door, which will show you how to respond to a variety of situations. This guide

can also be found online here.

- In the event of an active threat, remember **AVOID, DENY, DEFEND**. Choose the best course of action and act immediately. Watch the video here to learn more.
    - **AVOID**. Pay attention to your surroundings and have an exit plan. Get as much distance and as many barriers between you and the threat as quickly as possible.
    - **DENY.** When avoiding is difficult or impossible, deny the threat access to you and your space. Lockdown by creating barriers, turning the lights off and remaining quiet and out of sight. Make sure your cell phone is silenced, but do not turn it off.
    - **DEFEND.** When you are unable to put distance between yourself and thee threat, be prepared to protect yourself. Commit to your actions, be aggressive and do not fight fairly. Do whatever it takes to survive.
- For emergencies on campus, UCF will utilize the UCF Alert system. All UCF students, faculty and staff are automatically enrolled to receive these email and text alerts, however, it's a good idea to frequently ensure your contact information is up to date.

## Financial Aid Accountability

All instructors/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 this activity 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.

## Class Schedule

# Course Summary:

| Date | Details |
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| Fri Aug 23, 2024 | Florida Politics Pretest |

| Date | Details |
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| Mon Sep 9, 2024 | Quiz 1 FL Culture, Constitution a |
| Tue Sep 10, 2024 | Discussion 1 |
| Thu Sep 12, 2024 | FL Mod 1 Closes |
| Mon Sep 30, 2024 | Quiz 2 FL Public Opinion, Parties |
| Tue Oct 1, 2024 | Discussion 2 |
| Thu Oct 3, 2024 | FL Mod 2 Closes |
| Mon Oct 14, 2024 | Quiz 3 FL Interest Groups, Legis |
| Tue Oct 15, 2024 | Discussion 3 |
| Thu Oct 17, 2024 | FL Mod 3 Closes |
| Mon Oct 28, 2024 | Quiz 4 FL Executive and Judicial |
| Tue Oct 29, 2024 | Discussion 4 |
| Thu Oct 31, 2024 | FL Mod 4 Closes |
| Fri Nov 1, 2024 | Withdrawal Deadline |
| Mon Nov 11, 2024 | Quiz 5 FL Finance, Local Govern |
| Tue Nov 12, 2024 | Discussion 5 |
| Thu Nov 14, 2024 | FL Mod 5 Closes |
| Mon Dec 2, 2024 | Quiz 6 FL Public Policy and Trail |

| Date | Details |
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| Tue Dec 3, 2024 | Discussion 6 |
| Thu Dec 5, 2024 | FL Dis 6 Closes |

# Modules, Face to Face Meetings, and Reading Assignments

Assignment Due Dates (Due Times are 11:59 EST pm unless otherwise noted)

I try to follow the posted schedule. However, this outline may change during the semester due to unforeseen events or for pedagogical reasons. It is your responsibility to read class announcements and emails and keep informed.

**Pretest due by Friday 8/23 at 5:00 pm EST**.

Faculty members are required to document students' academic activity at the beginning of each course. To document that you began this course, please complete the following academic activity by the end of the first week of classes, or as soon as possible after adding the course, but no later than Friday Aug 23 at 5:00 pm EST. Failure to do so will result in a delay in the disbursement of your financial aid.

Go to Quizzes and click on “Pretest” and then “Take the Quiz.” You have 1 hour to take the pretest. **Please do not study beforehand or look up answers when taking the pretest** – if you do not know the answer then just make your best guess. I want to get an honest assessment of how much you know about the course material before we get started (so **please do not just take 5 minutes for the whole quiz and randomly hit answers either** – actually read the questions and see if you know the answer). Once you answer all the questions hit “Submit Quiz.” The pretest quiz does not count towards your final grade.

**Labor Day Holiday Monday 9/2 PLEASE NOTE: JUST BECAUSE SOME DUE DATES MAY FALL OVER THE HOLIDAY DOES NOT MEAN YOU HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THEN TO DO THE ASSIGNMENT!**

**Module 1 Florida’s Political Culture and Constitution: Quiz due by Monday 9/9; Initial discussion posting due by Tuesday 9/10; additional postings due by, and module closes on, Thursday 9/12**

For Module 1 please read:

Politics in Florida chapters 1 Political Culture and 2 Constitution (face-to-face lecture Aug 20, 27, and Sep 3)

Florida's Minority Trailblazers chapters 1, 2 and 7 (pages 1-30 and 524-544)

**Module 2 Public Opinion, Parties and Elections: Quiz due by Monday 9/30; Initial discussion posting due by Tuesday 10/1; additional postings due by, and module closes on, Thursday 10/3**

For Module 2 please read:

Politics in Florida chapters 3 Public Opinion and 4 Parties and Elections (face-to-face lecture Sept 10, 17 and 24)

Florida's Minority Trailblazers pages 32-107 (12 Trailblazers from the Florida House)

**Module 3 Interest Groups and the Legislature: Quiz due by Monday 10/14; Initial discussion posting due by Tuesday 10/15; additional postings due by, and module closes on, Thursday 10/17**

For Module 3 please read:

Politics in Florida chapters 5 Interest Groups and 6 Legislature (face-to-face lecture Oct 1 and 8)

Florida's Minority Trailblazers pages 108-202 (13 Trailblazers from the Florida House)

**Module 4 Executive Branch and Courts and Crime: Quiz due by Monday 10/28; Initial discussion posting due by Tuesday 10/29; additional postings due by, and module closes on, Thursday 10/31**

For Module 4 please read:

Politics in Florida chapters 7 Executive Branch and 8 Courts and Crimes (face-to-face lecture Oct 15 and 22)

Florida's Minority Trailblazers pages 203-279 (12 Trailblazers - 10 from the Florida Senate and from 2 legislative leadership)

**Withdrawal Deadline: Friday 11/1 11:59 p.m.**

**Veterans Day Holiday Monday 11/11 PLEASE NOTE: JUST BECAUSE SOME DUE DATES MAY FALL OVER THE HOLIDAY DOES NOT MEAN YOU HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THEN TO DO THE ASSIGNMENT!**

**Module 5 Taxing, Spending and Local Government: Quiz due by Monday 11/11; Initial discussion posting due by Tuesday 11/12; additional postings due by, and module closes on, Thursday 11/14**

For Module 5 please read:

Politics in Florida chapters 9 Taxing and Spending and 10 Local Government (face-to-face lecture Oct 29 and Nov 5)

Florida's Minority Trailblazers pages 280-406 and (14 Trailblazers - 6 from the Executive and 8 from the Judiciary)

**Thanksgiving Holiday Wednesday 11/27 to Saturday 11/30**

**Module 6 Education, Welfare and Health and Environment and Growth Management: Quiz due by Monday 12/2; Initial discussion posting due by Tuesday 12/3; additional postings due by, and module closes on, Thursday 12/5**

For Module 6 please read:

Politics in Florida chapters 11 Education, Social Welfare and Health Care and 12 Environment, Growth Management, Economic Development and Transportation (face-to-face lecture Nov 12, 19, and 26)

Florida's Minority Trailblazers Chapter 6 (pages 407-523: 11 trailblazers from the Florida congressional delegation)

**Term Ends: Saturday December 7**

Getting Started

Please come to the face-to-face sessions. For the online portion, please go to the home page, go to Quizzes and click on “Pretest” and then “Take the Quiz” (as described above to document your participation in the course). After that, to begin the graded part of the course, click on Modules and then read and follow the instructions for Module 1: Florida’s Political Culture and Constitution.