PS 201 Introduction to U.S. Politics  
(On-Line Version)  
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Course Description  
This self-paced course will deepen your understanding of the institutions, processes, and problems of US politics. The textbook will expose you to a variety of viewpoints on some of the most important aspects of U.S. political cultures, political institutions, actors and political processes.

Office Hours:  I will have on-line office hours (psouth@uoregon.edu) from 9-12 every Wednesday morning. You can email me at other times during the 8 am – 4 pm M-F workweek, but during these three hours, you will get a nearly instant response from me. Please use this email address rather than Canvas. I will also be available to schedule an appointment with you in my office (804 PLC) during the weeks of June 25-29 and July 16-20.

Required Texts  
Do NOT purchase older versions of the textbook because it will not adequately prepare you for the chapter tests. The course structure follows that of this required textbook; there is one exam per chapter.

Evaluation  
You will have to complete all quizzes and the (final exam or paper) by Friday, July 20th at 12 p.m. However, you may proceed at your own pace; this is your choice.

QUIZZES - All quizzes will be taken on-line via CANVAS. The quizzes are all contained within the folder called “Quizzes.” Fifty percent (50%) of your grade for the class will be based on these chapter quizzes, all taken on-line via CANVAS. You will have 30 minutes to take each exam, and you may re-take this exam once, and the highest grade will be recorded. There are 25 multiple choice questions per test, but your second attempt may have different questions, as they are randomly picked from a larger test bank. These scores will then be averaged.

FINAL EXAM OR FINAL PAPER:  
Option 1: Final Exam  
I will send the final exam to you at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, July 20th and must be submitted through Veracite on the CANVAS website in the “Assignments” folder, by 12:00 p.m. on the same day, **Friday, July 20th**. It will consist primarily of short essay questions, as well as a few identifications.  
Let me know immediately if you do not receive it. If you decide to wait until later in the day to let me know that you have not received the final, you will not be granted an extension past the 8 p.m. deadline. For every hour that this exam is late, your grade will be reduced by 10 points.
Option 2: Final Paper
Instead, you may opt out of the final exam and write a 8-10 page paper. This paper must be submitted through Veracite on the CANVAS website for this class. Paper guidelines will be available on Canvas. This paper is due no later than 12 p.m. **Friday, July 20th.** For every hour that this paper is late, your grade will be reduced by 10 points.

**Grading Scale:**

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**Technological Requirements:**

- You will need regular access to a competent computer with web access.
- **No incompletes** can be given for this course due to its web-based nature. If you do not complete a quiz for any reason, you will receive a “0.” If you have trouble accessing any quiz, please contact me immediately.
- All quizzes and the (final exam or paper) must be completed by 12 p.m., **Friday, July 20th**
- PS 201 cannot be repeated for credit – the traditional lecture course PS 201 and the independent study/distance education course PS 201 are treated as the same course by the Registrar's Office.
- Please email me with any questions from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, and I will respond within 24 hours.

**Class Web Sites:**

- **CANVAS** This web site is the main web site used for this class. All class information will be run through this website.
- **Chapter Quizzes and (Final Exam or Paper)** – all due Friday, July 20th by 12 pm.

The chapter quizzes can be found in CANVAS under the tab “Quizzes.” You will take one quiz for each chapter that will cover material in the textbook. You will be given 45 minutes to take each chapter quiz. After completing the test, please make sure you press the submit button about 45 seconds before the 45-minute time limit because it takes the system about that long to process your quiz. You have **two attempts** to take each quiz. You will receive the highest grade. You are not required to take the quiz two times. You must finish the quiz within the time allotted or you will not get a grade. If for some reason you lose a connection, you can use your second attempt to take the quiz again.

**PLEASE NOTE:** It is a violation of the UO Student Conduct Code to open the required textbook or other materials during a quiz, collaborate or consult with another person during a quiz, share questions or answers with others, print out the quiz, or use a quiz or quiz answers provided by another person, or to pay another person or organization to assist you in taking these quizzes. If you engage in any of
these activities even once, your grade for all the quizzes will be a zero, which will make it essentially impossible to pass the class.