

Tamkang University Academic Year 102, 1st Semester Course Syllabus

Course Title	U.S. GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	Instructor	PHILLIP M. CHEN
Course Class	TIFXD1A DOCTORAL PROGRAM, GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF THE AMERICAS, 1A	Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Selective ◆ One Semester ◆ 3 Credits
D e p a r t m e n t a l t e a c h i n g o b j e c t i v e s			
<p>I. To foster experts in American affairs.</p> <p>II. To educate experts engaging in teaching America related knowledge.</p> <p>III. To train students with excellent English proficiency.</p>			
D e p a r t m e n t a l c o r e c o m p e t e n c e s			
<p>A. To cultivate students' academic research abilities.</p> <p>B. To nourish students' capabilities in using and realizing international relation theories.</p> <p>C. To educate students with critical and independent thinking and judgment.</p> <p>D. To foster students fully understanding American affairs.</p> <p>E. To cultivate students with professional expertise in English communication and writing.</p>			
Course Introduction	To analyze the Constitution, pol. system, federalism, civil liberties, party, election, the President, the Congress, check and balance, leadership, government management and accountability.		

The Relevance among Teaching Objectives, Objective Levels and Departmental core competences

I.Objective Levels (select applicable ones) :

- (i) Cognitive Domain : C1-Remembering, C2-Understanding, C3-Applying,
C4-Analyzing, C5-Evaluating, C6-Creating
- (ii) Psychomotor Domain : P1-Imitation, P2-Mechanism, P3-Independent Operation,
P4-Linked Operation, P5-Automation, P6-Origination
- (iii) Affective Domain : A1-Receiving, A2-Responding, A3-Valuing,
A4-Organizing, A5-Charaterizing, A6-Implementing

II.The Relevance among Teaching Objectives, Objective Levels and Departmental core competences :

- (i) Determine the objective level(s) in any one of the three learning domains (cognitive, psychomotor, and affective) corresponding to the teaching objective. Each objective should correspond to the objective level(s) of ONLY ONE of the three domains.
- (ii) If more than one objective levels are applicable for each learning domain, select the highest one only. (For example, if the objective levels for Cognitive Domain include C3,C5,and C6, select C6 only and fill it in the boxes below. The same rule applies to Psychomotor Domain and Affective Domain.)
- (iii) Determine the Departmental core competences that correspond to each teaching objective. Each objective may correspond to one or more Departmental core competences at a time. (For example, if one objective corresponds to three Departmental core competences: A,AD, and BEF, list all of the three in the box.)

No.	Teaching Objectives	Relevance	
		Objective Levels	Departmental core competences
1	To understand the functional approach on U.S. Political System, the American Presidential.	C4	ABCDE

Teaching Objectives, Teaching Methods and Assessment

No.	Teaching Objectives	Teaching Methods	Assessment
1	To understand the functional approach on U.S. Political System, the American Presidential.	Lecture, Discussion, Problem solving	Report, Participation

This course has been designed to cultivate the following essential qualities in TKU students

Essential Qualities of TKU Students	Description
◆ A global perspective	Helping students develop a broader perspective from which to understand international affairs and global development.
◆ Information literacy	Becoming adept at using information technology and learning the proper way to process information.
◆ A vision for the future	Understanding self-growth, social change, and technological development so as to gain the skills necessary to bring about one's future vision.
◆ Moral integrity	Learning how to interact with others, practicing empathy and caring for others, and constructing moral principles with which to solve ethical problems.
◆ Independent thinking	Encouraging students to keenly observe and seek out the source of their problems, and to think logically and critically.
◇ A cheerful attitude and healthy lifestyle	Raising an awareness of the fine balance between one's body and soul and the environment; helping students live a meaningful life.
◆ A spirit of teamwork and dedication	Improving one's ability to communicate and cooperate so as to integrate resources, collaborate with others, and solve problems.
◆ A sense of aesthetic appreciation	Equipping students with the ability to sense and appreciate aesthetic beauty, to express themselves clearly, and to enjoy the creative process.

Course Schedule

Week	Date	Subject/Topics	Note
1	102/09/16~ 102/09/22	American political culture	
2	102/09/23~ 102/09/29	Constitutionalism	
3	102/09/30~ 102/10/06	Civil liberties	
4	102/10/07~ 102/10/13	Oral report I	
5	102/10/14~ 102/10/20	The Federal Government	
6	102/10/21~ 102/10/27	The Congress	
7	102/10/28~ 102/11/03	Political Parties & Groups	
8	102/11/04~ 102/11/10	Oral report II	
9	102/11/11~ 102/11/17	The President	
10	102/11/18~ 102/11/24	Presidential Leadership	
11	102/11/25~ 102/12/01	The Executive Power	
12	102/12/02~ 102/12/08	The Civil Service	

13	102/12/09 ~ 102/12/15	Oral report III	
14	102/12/16 ~ 102/12/22	Congressional Leadership	
15	102/12/23 ~ 102/12/29	The Committee System	
16	102/12/30 ~ 103/01/05	Political Accountability	
17	103/01/06 ~ 103/01/12	The Purpose of the Government	
18	103/01/13 ~ 103/01/19	Term Paper reports and comments.	
Requirement			
Teaching Facility	Computer		
Textbook(s)			
Reference(s)			
Number of Assignment(s)	(Filled in by assignment instructor only)		
Grading Policy	◆ Attendance : 45.0 % ◆ Mark of Usual : % ◆ Midterm Exam : % ◆ Final Exam : 55.0 % ◆ Other < > : %		
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