

Tamkang University Academic Year 103, 1st Semester Course Syllabus

Course Title	AMERICAN POLITICAL CULTURE	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 A i m o f E d u c a t i o n			
<p>I. To foster the development of experts in American affairs.</p> <p>II. To fully equip specialists for teaching important aspects of American life.</p> <p>III. To provide students an environment for achieving a high level of 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 student academic research abilities.</p> <p>B. To refine student capabilities in understanding and applying theories in international relations.</p> <p>C. To promote critical and independent thinking and judgment.</p> <p>D. To foster a full understanding of and appreciation for American affairs.</p> <p>E. To empower students with professional expertise in English communication and writing.</p>			
Course Introduction	<p>In order to acquire capability in profound understanding and analyses on American political system, its operational model, the theories explaining empirically, one must further understand American political culture. The fundamental belief, the philosophy on human nature, the nature of state, the nature of government, the nature of power, the inalienable rights of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness... the rationale for democracy and evaluation will be the core of the course.</p>		

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-Appling, 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 provide Ph.D candidates capability in more sensitivity and responsiveness by analyzing and evalisting cometenecy.	C4	ABCDE

Teaching Objectives, Teaching Methods and Assessment

No.	Teaching Objectives	Teaching Methods	Assessment
1	To provide Ph.D candidates capability in more sensitivity and responsiveness by analyzing and evalisting cometenecy.	Lecture, Discussion	Written test, 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	103/09/15~ 103/09/21	The Belief, the philosophy	
2	103/09/22~ 103/09/28	Nature of man, state authority	
3	103/09/29~ 103/10/05	Lockean Principle and Government	
4	103/10/06~ 103/10/12	Oral Report No.1	
5	103/10/13~ 103/10/19	The Constitution	
6	103/10/20~ 103/10/26	Civil Liberties	
7	103/10/27~ 103/11/02	Freedom and Justice	
8	103/11/03~ 103/11/09	Oral Report No.2	
9	103/11/10~ 103/11/16	Democracy and Law& Order	
10	103/11/17~ 103/11/23	Midterm Exam Week	
11	103/11/24~ 103/11/30	Political Parties and Groups	
12	103/12/01~ 103/12/07	The Federal Government	

13	103/12/08 ~ 103/12/14	Oral Report No. 3	
14	103/12/15 ~ 103/12/21	Political Culture of the President	
15	103/12/22 ~ 103/12/28	Political Culture of the Congress	
16	103/12/29 ~ 104/01/04	The Purpose of the U.S. Government	
17	104/01/05 ~ 104/01/11	Political Accountability	
18	104/01/12 ~ 104/01/18	Final Exam Week	
Requirement	3 Oral Reports 1 Term Paper		
Teaching Facility	Other (Oral lecture)		
Textbook(s)	American Government: Power & Purpose. by T Lowi, B. Ginsberg er. 13th ed. W.W. Noton 2013		
Reference(s)			
Number of Assignment(s)	4 (Filled in by assignment instructor only)		
Grading Policy	◆ Attendance : 50.0 % ◆ Mark of Usual : 10.0 % ◆ Midterm Exam : 20.0 % ◆ Final Exam : 20.0 % ◆ Other < > : %		
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