

Tamkang University Academic Year 106, 1st Semester Course Syllabus

Course Title	AMERICAN GOVERNMENT & POLITICS	Instructor	YU, YA-WEN
Course Class	TIDXB3A DEPARTMENT OF DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (ENGLISH-TAUGHT PROGRAM), 3A	Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Selective ◆ One Semester ◆ 2 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>To provide students with an understanding of the major theories in diplomacy & international relations and to equip students with practical skills and help them become outstanding members of the diplomatic and international relations community.</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. Every student will process essential understanding of theories of international relations.</p> <p>B. Every student will have primary perception of current international issues.</p> <p>C. Every student will become capable of Independent thinking and information processing to further improve international relations.</p> <p>D. Every student will process essential knowledge of participation in governmental & non-governmental affairs.</p> <p>E. Every student will display high-level competence in English.</p>			
Course Introduction	<p>This course explores the structure and dynamics of American national government, providing a broad-based introduction to the ideas and institutions that shape politics in the contemporary United States.</p>		

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

I. Objective Levels (select applicable ones) :

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| (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	By the end of this semester, students are expected to obtain a basic understanding about the structure and dynamics of American national government, and will be able to apply analytical frameworks, use political science concepts, and collect data sources to discuss the current major issues, problems, challenges facing American government and politics.	C2	ABCDE

Teaching Objectives, Teaching Methods and Assessment

No.	Teaching Objectives	Teaching Methods	Assessment
1	By the end of this semester, students are expected to obtain a basic understanding about the structure and dynamics of American national government, and will be able to apply analytical frameworks, use political science concepts, and collect data sources to discuss the current major issues, problems, challenges facing American government and politics.	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	106/09/18 ~ 106/09/24	Introduction	
2	106/09/25 ~ 106/10/01	American Political Institutions and the Governments	
3	106/10/02 ~ 106/10/08	Democracy and Collective Action Problems	
4	106/10/09 ~ 106/10/15	American Constitution	
5	106/10/16 ~ 106/10/22	American Politics Movie	
6	106/10/23 ~ 106/10/29	Civil Rights	
7	106/10/30 ~ 106/11/05	Federalism	
8	106/11/06 ~ 106/11/12	Civil Liberties	
9	106/11/13 ~ 106/11/19	Congress	
10	106/11/20 ~ 106/11/26	Midterm Exam Week	
11	106/11/27 ~ 106/12/03	The Presidency	
12	106/12/04 ~ 106/12/10	The Bureaucracy	

13	106/12/11 ~ 106/12/17	The Federal Judiciary	
14	106/12/18 ~ 106/12/24	Voting, Campaigns, and Elections	
15	106/12/25 ~ 106/12/31	American Politics Movie	
16	107/01/01 ~ 107/01/07	Presentation (I)	
17	107/01/08 ~ 107/01/14	Presentation (II)	
18	107/01/15 ~ 107/01/21	Final Exam Week	
Requirement			
Teaching Facility	Computer		
Textbook(s)	The Logic of American Politics, 8th Edition. 2018.		
Reference(s)			
Number of Assignment(s)	(Filled in by assignment instructor only)		
Grading Policy	◆ Attendance : 10.0 % ◆ Mark of Usual : % ◆ Midterm Exam : 30.0 % ◆ Final Exam : 30.0 % ◆ Other 〈Presentations〉 : 30.0 %		
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