

University of Colorado
Fall Day Program
Political Science 41101
Politics of Public Policy
September 15 - December 31, 1999
Main Campus - Henry Hall 203

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INSTRUCTOR: Dr. James P. Fitzsimmons

TEXT: Cochran, et. al. American Public Policy, Fifth Edition.

ORGANIZATION: This Course is a regular semester length class as outlined below. Classes - Monday, Wednesday and Friday - begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 10:50 a.m. The format of the Course is lecture/discussion, but there will be videos, guest speakers and possibly a field trip.

GRADES: your final grade in the Course will be based upon your attendance, participation and performance on the examinations and Course papers. There will be two examinations, a mid-Term and a Final, and two Course papers, a short paper and a long paper. The mid-Term examination will cover about half of the book, up through Chapter 3 and the Final will cover the rest of the text. Each exam and paper will count for 25%. However, should your Final exam and longer paper show considerable improvement over your earlier efforts, they will be given greater weight. Each exam will consist of both objective and essay questions.

COURSE PAPERS: The nature and content of the two Course papers will be discussed in class.

ATTENDANCE: University regulations require that attendance be taken and that instances of unexcused/unreported absences be reported to the Dean. Attendance, participation and communication with the instructor regarding absences and other course matters ARE A MUST and are part of your grade. It is practically impossible to be successful in this Course without attending the classes. Please note that no one will pass the Course unless the examinations and papers are successfully completed.

PROCEDURES: Please feel free to ask questions during class sessions. Your active participation in class room discussion is not only encouraged,

GENERAL OVERVIEW: The course will consist of an examination of the dynamics of American public policy during the post WWII era, focusing on the intersection of political, economic and social forces, institutions and personalities. Where helpful, examples from the American past, as well as, from other countries, will also be discussed.

September 1, 3: Course Introduction; Chapter 1 - Issues and Public Policy ~

September 8, 10: Political Science Fundamentals (PSF); Chapter 2 - Intergovernmental Policies ~

September 13, 15, 17: PSF; Chapter 3 - The Economy ~

September 20, 22, 24: PSF; Chapter 4 - Economic Issues ~

September 27, 29, October 1: PSF; Chapter 5 - Energy and Environmental Policies ~

October 4, 6, 8, 13, 15: Chapter 6 - Crime and Criminal Justice ~

October 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, 29: Chapter 7 - Welfare ~

November 1, 3, 5: SHORT PAPER DUE - Chapter 8 - Health Care ~

November 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19: MID-TERM EXAMINATION - Chapter 9 - Education ~

November 22, 24, 26: Chapter 10 - Legal and Social Equality ~

November 29, December 1, 3: Chapter 11 - First Amendment Freedoms ~

December 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17: Chapter 12 - Foreign and Defense Policy ~

December 20, 22, 24: Chapter 13 - Continuing Policy Debates - Conclusion ~
Overview / Integration - Review ~

December 27, 29, 31: FINAL EXAMINATION - LONG PAPER DUE ~