



your active participation in classroom discussion is greatly 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.

January 13: Course Introduction; Chapter 1 - Issues and Public Policy; Political Science Fundamentals (PSF); Chapter 2 - Intergovernmental Policies -

January 20: PSF; Chapter 3 - The Economy; Chapter 4 - Economic Issues -

January 27: Chapter 5 - Energy and Environmental Policies -

February 3: Chapter 6 - Crime and Criminal Justice -

February 10: Chapter 7 - Welfare; Chapter 8 - Health Care; SHORT PAPER DUE

February 17: MID-TERM EXAMINATION; Chapter 9 - Education -

February 24: Chapter 10 - Legal and Social Equality -

March 2: Chapter 11 - First Amendment Freedoms -

March 9: Chapter 12 - Foreign and Defense Policy; Chapter 13 - Continuing Policy Debates; Conclusion; PERIODIC

March 16: FINAL EXAMINATION; LONG PAPER DUE -