

FE '01

Chaminade University of Honolulu
Fall Evening 2001
Political Science 41160/Politics of American Public Policy
October 1-December 13, 2001
Pearl Harbor—Bldg 679

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. James P. Fitzsimmons

TEXT: Cochran, Clarke, E., et. al. American Public Policy—An Introduction. Sixth Edition.

ORGANIZATION: This course will run for 10 weeks as outlined below. Classes—on Thursday--meet from 4:45 p.m. to 8:55 p.m. Course format is lecture/discussion, but several videos will be shown and there may be a guest speaker and/or a field trip.

GRADES: Your final grade in the course will be based upon your attendance, participation and performance on the examinations and course paper. There will be two examinations, a Mid-Term and a Final, and one Course Paper, of moderate length. The Mid-Term examination will cover about half of the book, up through Chapter 7, and the Final will cover the rest of the text. Attendance, the exams and paper will each count for 25%. However, should your Final Exam and Course Paper show considerable improvement over your earlier effort, they will be given greater significance. Each exam will consist of objective and essay questions.

COURSE PAPER: The nature and content of the Course Paper will be discussed in class.

ATTENDANCE: University regulations require that attendance be taken and that instances of two (2) consecutive unexcused/unreported absences be reported to the Dean. This policy will be followed. 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 paper are successfully completed.

PROCEDURES: Please feel free to ask questions during class sessions. Your active participation in classroom discussions is greatly encouraged.

GENERAL OVERVIEW: The course will examine the politics behind the issues American government faces, including the economy, energy and the environment, crime and justice, health and welfare, education, civil rights, immigration and public ethics. A special focus will be placed on evolving government policy and programs in the new war against terrorism.

October 4: Course Introduction—Chapter 1—Issues and Public Policy—

October 11: Chapter 2—Intergovernmental Policies—

October 18: Chapters 3, 4—The Economy—Economic Issues--

October 25: Chapter 5—Energy and Environmental Policies--

November 1: Chapter 6—Crime and Criminal Justice—

November 8: Chapter 7—Income Support—**MID-TERM EXAMINATION--**

November 15: Chapters 8, 9—Health Care—Education--

November 29: Chapter 10—Legal and Social Equality—

December 6: Chapter 11—Immigration Policy—

December 13: Chapters 12, 13—Private Morality and Public Policy—The Continuing Policy Debates--**Course Review--FINAL EXAMINATION--COURSE PAPER DUE--**