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Chaminade University of Honolulu
Winter Evening 2001
Political Science 41180
Politics of Public Policy
January 8-March 21, 2001
Camp Smith--Bldg. 27

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. James P. Fitzsimmons

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

ORGANIZATION: This course consists of 10 classes as outlined below. Classes—on Thursdays—run from 5:30 p.m. to 9:40 p.m. The format of the course 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 6, 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 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 consist of an examination of the importance of politics in the American governing process, in terms of the creation/implementation of policy, regarding such issues as the economy, environment, crime, foreign/defense affairs, and others. An attempt will be made to relate the course to current matters/problems in American government.

January 11: Course Introduction—Chapter 1--Issues and Public Policy—

January 18: Chapters 2, 3—Intergovernmental Policies—the Economy--

January 25: Chapter 4—Economic Issues--

February 1: Chapter 5—Energy and Environmental Policies--

February 8: Chapter 6—Crime and Criminal Justice—**MID-TERM EXAMINATION--**

February 15: Chapter 7—Welfare Policy and Issues—

February 22: Chapters 8, 9—Health Care—Education--

March 1: Chapters 10, 11—Legal and Social Equality—First Amendment Freedoms--

March 8: Chapter 12—Issues in Foreign and Defense Policy—

March 15: Chapter 13—The Continuing Policy Debates--**FINAL EXAMINATION—COURSE PAPER DUE--**