

PLSC 104 American Government Fall 2020 Schedule

All times in the schedule are for the U.S. Eastern Time Zone. All assignments are due Thursdays in the week assigned unless otherwise noted.

| Week | Lessons | Readings | Assignments | Outcomes Met |
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| Intro | These items will need to be completed before you will have access to the rest of the course | Orientation Course Overview Introductions Academic Integrity | Student Introductions Academic Integrity Quiz Academic Integrity Statement | |
| 1 Aug 24-27 | <i>Political Thinking</i> | Patterson Chapter 1, pp. 1 – 26. | No assignments | |
| 2 Aug 28 – Sept 3 | <i>Constitutional Democracy</i> , “Abortion Debates” | Patterson Chapter 2, pp. 28 – 62. <i>Issues for Debate</i> Chapter 7 pp. 147 - 170 | Position Paper Assignment 1 Discussion 1 | SLO1,2 & 7 |
| 3 Sept 4-10 | <i>Civil Liberties</i> “Big Data and Privacy” | Patterson Chapter 4, pp. 100 – 137. <i>Issues for Debate</i> Chapter 8 pp. 171 - 194 | Position Paper Assignment 2 Discussion 2 | SLO1,2,5 & 7 |
| 4 Sept 11-17 | <i>Equal Rights</i> , “Voting Controversies” | Patterson Chapter 5, pp. 140 – 174 <i>Issues for Debate</i> Chapter 10 pp. 217 - 239. | Position Paper Assignment 3 Discussion 3 | SLO1,2,5, & 7 |
| 5 Sept 18-24 | Proctored Exam 1 | | | |
| 6 Sept 24 – Oct 1 | <i>Federalism</i> “School Discipline” | Patterson Chapter 3, pp. 65 – 98. <i>Issues for Debate</i> Chapter 14 pp. 317 – 340 | Position Paper Assignment 4 Discussion 4 | SLO 1,3,4, & 7 |
| 7 Oct 2-8 | <i>Congress</i> “Wealth and Inequality” | Patterson Chapter 6, pp. 327 – 367. <i>Issues for Debate</i> Chapter 4, pp. 75 - 98 | Position Paper Assignment 5 Discussion 5 Research #1 Due | SLO1,3,4, & 7 |
| 8 Oct 9-15 | <i>The Presidency</i> “Housing the Homeless” | Patterson Chapter 7, pp. 369 – 406. <i>Issues for Debate</i> Chapter 11, pp. 241 - 265 | Position Paper Assignment 6 Discussion 6 | SLO1,3,4, & 7 |
| 9 Oct 16-22 | <i>The Federal Judicial System</i> , <i>The Federal Bureaucracy</i> , “Police Tactics” | Patterson Chapter 14, pp. 441 – 473. Patterson Chapter 13, pp. 408 – 438. <i>Issues for Debate</i> Chapter 16, pp. 363 – 391 | Position Paper Assignment 7 Discussion 7 | SLO1,3,6, & 7 |
| 10 Oct 23-29 | Proctored Exam II | | | |
| 11 Oct 30 – Nov 5 | <i>Public Opinion and Political Socialization</i> “Food Policy Debates” | Patterson Chapter 6, pp. 176 – 205. <i>Issues for Debate</i> Chapter 1, pp. 1 – 24 | Position Paper Assignment 8 Discussion 8 | SLO1,5,7 |
| 12 Nov 6-12 | <i>Political Participation</i> , “Women and Work” | Patterson Chapter 7, pp. 207 – 229. <i>Issues for Debate</i> Chapter 5, pp. 99 - 123 | Position Paper Assignment 9 Discussion 9 | SLO1,5, & 7 |
| 13 Nov 13-19 | <i>Political Parties, Candidates and Campaigns</i> “Youth Unemployment” | Patterson Chapter 8, pp. 232 – 266. <i>Issues for Debate</i> Chapter 6, pp. 125 - 146 | Position Paper Assignment 10 Discussion 10 | SLO1,5, & 7 |
| 14 Nov 20-26 | <i>Interest Groups</i> “Regulating Lobbying” | Patterson Chapter 9, pp. 268 – 296. <i>Issues for Debate</i> Chapter 13, pp. 291 – 315 | Position Paper Assignment 11 Discussion 11 Due by Friday, Nov 27 at 5pm | SLO1,5, & 7 |
| 15 Nov 27 – Dec 3 | <i>The News Media</i> “Regulating Toxic Chemicals” | Patterson Chapter 10, pp. 298 – 324. <i>Issues for Debate</i> Chapter 2, pp. 25 - 49 | Position Paper Assignment 12 Discussion 12 Research #2 Due | SLO1,5, & 7 |
| 16 Dec 4-10 | PROCTORED FINAL EXAM (needs to be completed by Wednesday, December 9, 11:59 PM) | | | |