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Introduction to Political Science 1982 Syllabus

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Grading

Students are graded individually on their performance of the following assignments:

--two exams (a midterm and a final) worth 100 points apiece;
--eight area studies worth 30 points apiece;
--a term paper worth 60 points; and
--an extra credit oral presentation worth 30 points.

The term paper should be on a country of your choice and should include (minimally) the same basic information contained in the area studies. See the "term paper" handout for more details.

A total of 600 points is possible (630 points with the extra-credit option). The grading scale is:

--530-630=A; 460-529=B; 390-459=C; 320-389=D; 319 and below=F.

Calendar

January 7    Introduction: Political Concepts; World Map
January 14   Political Geography; Paraguay
January 21   Political History; Zaire
January 28   Group Life; Indonesia
February 4   Participation; Jamaica
February 11  Policy-Making; Iraq; Midterm Exam
February 18  Policy-Enforcement; Poland
February 25  Symbolic and Representative Institutions; United Kingdom
March 4      Conflict-Management; Soviet Union
March 11     Political Performance; Switzerland; Review; Term Papers
March 18     Final Exam

Resources

There is no textbook for this course. Students are encouraged to use the college library for their research. There are various encyclopedias, periodicals, and indexes available. Consult the card catalog for specific countries. Some countries maintain local embassies and trade missions.