

State and Local Government
Course PSCI – 105 – AU1

Term 3 Session 2 -- 2008
Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.
Classroom – TBA

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Textbook: POLITICS in States and Communities
(12th Edition, 2007), by Dye and MacManus

Course Objective: This course provides an overview of the conflicts in states and communities and the structures and processes designed to manage conflict. It is designed to teach students to be aware of public conflicts in their own communities and to encourage them to be involved in the conflict resolution process. The course begins by identifying the sources and nature of conflict in society and how conflict is carried on. Students will examine formal government structures and conduct case studies of current public conflicts at various stages in the resolution process.

Grading: Grades will be based on four written examinations, four in-class assignments, class participation and one applied learning assignment. Each exam will be worth 25 points, and each in-class assignment will be worth 10 points. Class participation will be worth 25 points and the applied learning assignment will be worth 35 points. Note: Exams, including the final exam, are not cumulative, although students will naturally be expected to apply concepts learned early in the course to topics explored later in the course.

Grades will be assigned as follows:

- A+: greater than 200 points
- A: 182 – 199 points
- A-: 180 – 181 points
- B+: 178 – 179 points
- B: 162 – 177 points
- B-: 160 – 161 points
- C+: 158 – 159 points
- C: 142 – 157 points
- C-: 140 – 141 points
- D+: 138 – 139 points
- D: 122 – 137 points
- D-: 120 – 121 points
- F: fewer than 120 points

A note about exams: Students who are unable to take any exam at the scheduled time, may request to take the exam at a different time, provided that any such request is made, and agreed to by the instructor. Failure to arrange an alternative exam time will result in a point score of zero on the test.

Attendance: Students are expected to attend all scheduled class sessions. Accordingly, attendance will be recorded. While no points will be awarded for attendance, only those in attendance can earn class participation points. Lectures frequently cover material that is not in the textbook.

Services for Students with Disabilities: If you have a disability that may have some impact on your work in this class and for which you may require accommodations, please inform me immediately so that your learning needs may be appropriately met. Students with a disability must register with the Services for Students with Disabilities office (SSD) in Schwitzer Center 206 (317-788-6153 www.uindy.edu/ssd) for disability verification and for determination of reasonable academic accommodations. You are responsible for initiating arrangements for accommodations for tests and other assignments in collaboration with the SSD and the faculty.

Handouts: From time to time, additional material related to course topics will be distributed in class. Students are expected to apply information in the additional materials to their course learning.

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Course Schedule – Term 3 Session 2-- 2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Reading</u>
June 11	Course Introduction / Set Expectations	
<u>Section 1: Origins of State and Local Government</u>		
(28 pages)	Politics in States and Communities	Chapter 1: pp. 1-28
(27 pages)	Democracy and Constitutionalism in the States	Chapter 2: pp. 31-58
(37 pages)	States, Communities and American Federalism	Chapter 3: pp. 61-98
<u>Section 2: Politics on the State Level</u>		
June 18 (40 pages)	Participation in State Politics	Chapter 4: pp. 101-141
(35 pages)	Parties and Campaigns in the States	Chapter 5: pp. 145-180
(40 pages)	Legislators in State Politics	Chapter 6: pp. 184-224

June 25	Governors in State Politics	Chapter 7: pp. 228-265
(37 pages)	Bureaucratic Politics in States and Communities	Chapter 8: pp. 268-303
(35 pages)	Courts, Crime and Correctional Policy	Chapter 9: pp. 305-345
(40 pages)		

Section 3: Politics on the Local Level

July 2 (36 pages)	Governing America's Communities	Chapter 10: pp. 349-385
(43 pages)	Participation in Community Politics	Chapter 11: pp. 389-432
(31 pages)	Metropolitics: Conflict in the Metropolis	Chapter 12: pp. 437-468
July 9	Community Power Issues:	
	Land Use	Chapter 13
	Taxation and Finance	Chapter 14
	Civil Rights	Chapter 15
	Education	Chapter 16