

Political Science 3030
State and Local Government
WebCt Online Course
Fall 2005

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Welcome! This semester you will be introduced to the institutions, processes and politics of state and local government in the U.S. We will survey 50 states, their similarities and differences online. We will be surfing class-related websites to research what applies in this area. Every month you will log online for live chats between the instructor and the class. We will discuss the assignments, exams and readings.

These are all the course assignments:

-Online Chat Discussions (1 per month)	15% of grade
-Student Report (6 pgs. on state policy or job)	
Paper Proposal (5%)	
Report (20%)	25% of grade
-Exam I	20% of grade
-Exam II	20% of grade
-Final	20% of grade

Textbooks

Dresang, Dennis L. and James J. Gosling. *Politics and Policy in American States and Communities, 5th ed.* Pearson Education, Inc: USA 2005, and the accompanying *State and Local Government Job Guide.* [Referred to as *Politics.*]

Rosenthal, Alan, et al. *Republic on Trial: The Case for Representative Democracy.* CQ Press, Washington, D.C.: 2003. [Referred to as *Republic.*]

Course Outline

Aug. 24	<i>Politics</i>, Ch. 1-2 & <i>Republic</i>, Ch. 1 Lecture 1 Register for Exam I on 'Uonline Exam' Icon
Aug. 29	<i>Politics</i>, Ch. 3-4 & <i>Republic</i>, Ch. 2 Lecture 2
Sep. 5	Labor Day
Sep. 6	<i>Politics</i>, Ch. 5-6 & <i>Republic</i>, Ch. 3 Lecture 3
Sep. 12	<i>Politics</i>, Ch. 7 & <i>Republic</i>, Ch. 6 Lecture 4 **Chat Groups This Week.

Sep. 22 or 24 Exam I

Sep. 26 *Politics, Ch. 8-9*
Lecture 5
Register for Exam II on 'Uonline Exam' Icon.

Oct. 3 *Politics, Ch. 10 & Republic, Ch. 4*
Lecture 6

Oct. 5-7 **Fall Break**

Oct. 10 *Republic, Ch. 5 & 7*
Lecture 7

Oct. 14 **Paper Proposal Due (by Midnight)**

Oct. 17 *Republic, Ch. 8-9*
Lecture 8
**Chat Groups This Week.

Oct. 27 or 29 Exam II

Oct. 31 *Politics, Ch. 11-12*
Lecture 9
***Register for Final on 'Uonline Exam' Icon

Nov. 7 *Politics, Ch. 13 & Republic, Ch. 10*
Lecture 10

Nov. 14 *Politics, Ch. 14*
Lecture 11

Nov. 18 **Paper Due**

Nov. 21 *Politics, Ch. 15*
Lecture 12

Nov. 24 **Thanksgiving**

Nov. 28 *Politics, Ch. 16-17*
Lecture 13
**Chat Groups This Week.

Dec. 5 *Politics, Ch. 18-19*
Lecture 14

Dec. 8 **Classes End**

Dec. 13 **Final**

Dec. 27 **Grades available online.**