

Political Science 3030-90
State and Local Government
WebCt Online Course
Spring 2007

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Office Hours: *Online Wednesday Mornings, 10-10:30 a.m. in the 'common chat' room.*
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Course Description & Objectives

POLS 3030 State and Local Government (3)

Politics, structure and activities of state and local governments, intergovernmental relations, legal and theoretical concerns, political processes, and administrative issues.

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 the 50 states, their similarities and differences online. Every month you will log online for live chats between the instructor and the class. We will discuss the assignments, exams and readings.

Course Evaluation Methods

These are the course assignments:

-Online Chat Discussions (3 total)	7% of grade
-Student Report (8 pgs. on state/local gov. policy or job)	
Paper Proposal (5%)	
Report (20%)	25% of grade
-Exam I	23% of grade
-Exam II	20% of grade
-Final	25% 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. [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

Jan. 8 *Politics*, Ch. 1-2 & *Republic*, Ch. 1
 Register for Exam I on 'Uonline Exam' Icon

Jan. 16 *Politics*, Ch. 3-4 & *Republic*, Ch. 2

Jan. 22 *Politics*, Ch. 5-6 & *Republic*, Ch. 3

Jan. 29 *Politics, Ch. 7 & Republic, Ch. 6*
**Chat Groups This Week.

Feb 2 Paper Proposal Due By Midnight

Feb 8 or 10 Exam I

Feb. 12 *Politics, Ch. 8 & 9*
Register for Exam II at 'Uonline Exam' Icon.

Feb. 19 *Politics, Ch. 10 & Republic, Ch. 4*

Feb. 26 *Republic, Ch. 5 & 7*

March 5 *Republic, Ch. 8 & 9*
**Chat Groups This Week.

March 15 or 17 Exam II

March 26 *Politics, Ch. 11 & 12*

April 2 *Politics, Ch. 13 & Republic, Ch. 10*

April 6th Paper Due By Midnight

April 9 *Politics, Ch. 14 – 16* (Please register for the final under the 'uonline exam' icon.)

April 16 *Politics, Ch. 17 - 19*
**Chat Groups This Week.

April 25 **Classes End**

April 28 Final

May 15 **Grades available online.**

ADA Accomodations: (www.hr.utah.edu/oeo/ada/guide/faculty/).

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Student and Faculty Responsibilities: (www.admin.utah.edu/ppmanual/8/8-12-4.html)

“All students are expected to maintain professional behavior in the classroom setting, according to the Student Code, spelled out in the Student Handbook. Students have specific rights in the classroom as detailed in Article III of the Code. The Code also specifies proscribed conduct (Article XI) that involves cheating on tests, plagiarism, and/or collusion, as well as fraud, theft, etc. Students should read the Code carefully and know they are responsible for the content. According to Faculty

Rules and Regulations, it is the faculty responsibility to enforce responsible classroom behaviors, and I will do so, beginning with verbal warnings and progressing to dismissal from and class and a failing grade. Students have the right to appeal such action to the Student Behavior Committee.”