

**CORNELL COLLEGE**  
**Department of Politics**  
**POL 111. Politics**  
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**Main Topics:**

1. Political Thought
2. American Politics
3. Politics Among Nations

**Required Readings:**

1. Supplement
2. Machiavelli's The Prince
3. Communist Manifesto
4. Joan Hecht's Journey of the Lost Boys.

**\*\*\*Before Class on Monday, please Read:**

1. Supplement: Classics of Western Philosophy (Plato), Pgs. 118, 120- 121, 126-133, 154, 160-163.

**Grading:**

Final Exam = 35%

Paper = 30%

Map Quizzes: 4% for each of the 5 regional maps = 20% total

Class Participation = 10%

Reports on Leaders = 5%

Final Exam Consists of 4 parts.

1 Mandatory Short Essay = 25%

Choice of 3 out of 5 Short Essays = 25%

10 Countries Map Quiz = 25%

10 Simple Answers = 25%

**1<sup>st</sup> WEEK: POLITICAL THOUGHT:**

**Monday, Nov. 27, 2006:**

- 9-10: Introductions; Syllabus/Requirements Explanation
- 10-11: Library Training
- 1-2: Discuss Concepts of Justice; Discuss Plato and the early philosophers/history
- 2-3: Discuss Thucydides: Peloponnesian War

**Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2006**

- 9-10: Finish Discussion on Thucydides: Peloponnesian War
- 10-11: Discuss Machiavelli's: The Prince
- 1-2: Finish Discussion on Machiavelli's: The Prince
- 2-3: Begin discussion on Kant.

**Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2006**

- 9-10: Finish Discussion on Kant – Perpetual Peace. Brief Discussion Rousseau.
- 10-11: Begin Mills discussion
- 1-2: Finish Mills discussion
- 2-3: Get out early to start on readings

#### **Thursday, Nov. 30, 2006**

- 9-10: Start Adam Smith Discussion
- 10-11: Finish Adam Smith discussion
- 1-2: Start Communist Manifesto discussion
- 2-3: Finish Communist Manifesto discussion

#### **Friday, Dec. 1, 2006**

- 9-10: Wrap-up from Yesterday
- 10-11: Discussion of Averroes
- 1-2: Discussion of African Political Thought/Nyerere
- 2-3: General questions/ review from the week and questions about the paper/ Library Research if time.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> WEEK: AMERICAN POLITICS**

#### **Monday, Dec. 4, 2006**

- 9-10: \***Paper Outline Due**. Basics of U.S. federal government
- 10-11: Review “Steel Seizure Case”
- 1-2: Review Spending and Commerce Clauses – “South Dakota v. Dole”
- 2-3: Arranged Individual Paper Conferences

#### **Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2006**

- 9-11 (No morning Class)
- 1-3 Continued Arranged Individual Paper Conferences in the Afternoon.

#### **Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006**

- 9-10: Continue Discussion on the Spending and Commerce Clauses: “Lopez” case
- 10-11: Continue Discussion on the Spending and Commerce Clauses: “Raich” case
- 1-2: Comparison of Lopez and Raich: Future of Federal v. State Powers.
- 2-3: Arranged Individual Paper Conferences

#### **Thursday, Dec. 7, 2006**

- 9-10: Recent U.S. elections and their ramifications; Understanding the Electoral College
- 10-11: International Reaction to U.S. elections and politics
- 1-2: Local Leader Guest Speakers
- 2-3: No class- Write paper

#### **Friday, Dec. 8, 2006**

- 9-11 (No morning Class)
- 1-2: Papers must be turned in between these hours.
- 2-3: No class.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> WEEK: POLITICS AMONG NATIONS**

#### **Monday, Dec. 11, 2006**

- 9-10: South America map quiz, Colombia Discussion
- 10-11: Mexico/NAFTA Discussion
- 1:00-1:30: Venezuela Discussion

- 1:30-2:00: Cuba Discussion
- 2-3: “Why the Bomb was Dropped” movie and “Butter Battle Book” movie

### **Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006**

- 9-10: Asia map quiz, Finish-up movies: “Why the Bomb was Dropped” and the “Butter Battle Book”
- 10-11: Discussion on Russia/Chechnya
- 1-2: Discussion on China/Taiwan- Guest Speaker Melissa Fan
- 2-3: Discussion on North Korea

### **Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006**

- 9-10: European map quiz, Understanding the European Union Discussion
- 10-11: Bosnia Discussion
- 1-2: Armenia/Azerbaijan Discussion
- 2-3: Begin Discussion on book Journey of the Lost Boys of Sudan.

### **Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006**

- 8:30- Meet at the vans ready to go with your lunches.
- 9:15- Arrive at the Anamosa Courthouse.
- 9:30- Tour the Anamosa Courthouse
- 12:00- Lunch
- 12:45- Go to the Penitentiary to have them check our IDs
- 1:00- Tour the Anamosa Penitentiary
- 3:00- Finish Tour
- 3:45- Arrive back at Cornell

### **Friday, Dec. 15, 2006**

- 9-10: African map quiz. Finish Discussion on book Journey of the Lost Boys of Sudan; Discussion on Sudan/Darfur
- 10-11: Rwanda Discussion
- 1-3: Guest Refugee Speaker or movie “Hotel Rwanda”

### **Monday, Dec. 16, 2006**

- 9-10: Middle East Map Quiz, Discussion on Iran
- 10-11: Discussion of NGOs
- 1-2: UN Discussion
- 2-3: Guest Peace Corps Volunteer or Finish movie “Hotel Rwanda”

### **Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2006**

- 9-10: Write Thank-You Notes to Guest Speakers and Jail Tour Guides. Exam Review and Evaluations
- 10-11: Exam Review and Evaluations
- 1-2: No Class
- 2-3: No Class

### **Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2006**

- 9-11:30 Exam