

Course Syllabus

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| 1. | Program of Study | Bachelor of Arts Program
Bachelor of Science Program
Bachelor of Business Administration Program
Bachelor of Nursing Science Program |
| | Faculty/Institute/College | Mahidol University International College |
| 2. | Course Code | ICSS 116 |
| | Course Title | Introduction to Political Science |
| 3. | Number of Credits | 4 (4-0-8) (Lecture/Lab/Self-Study) |
| 4. | Prerequisite (s) | none |
| 5. | Type of Course | General Education |
| 6. | Session | Every trimester/ Every Academic Year |
| 7. | Conditions | - |

8. **Course Description**

Examination of the assumptions, concerns, and major concepts in political science including historical developments and subjects in political philosophy; emphasis on modern concepts and empirical questions in political science.

9. **Course Objective (s)**

After successful completion of this course, students should be able to

9.1 know an overview of the workings of state and government

9.2 introduce relevant political theory

9.3 demonstrate the relationship of theory and practice

9.4 demonstrate the method of scientific study of political institutions and processes

10. Course Outline

Week	Topic	Hour			Instructor
		Lecture	Lab	Self-Study	
1	Introduction: What the class is about; Human behavior; political behavior	4	0	8	Eugene Jones
2	Politics; science; the state: What it is; origin and development; the state: Nature and purpose	4	0	8	
3	Early theories of the state	4	0	8	
4	Modern theories of the state	4	0	8	
5	Modern theories of the state Midterm exam	4	0	8	
6	Democracy and Neo-Liberalism and the critics	4	0	8	
7	Government: What it is; nature and purpose; systems of government; classifications	4	0	8	
8	The three functions of government; Law: definition; common and statute law; the legislative process: criminal and civil law	4	0	8	
9	Rights and justice: What justice is; civil rights and human rights	4	0	8	
10	International politics: International law and crime; the possibility of world government	4	0	8	
11	Contemporary political phenomena: Terrorism, international crime, war, arms races	4	0	8	
12	Final exam	4	0	8	
	Total	48	0	96	

11. Teaching Method (s)

11.1 Lectures and discussions.

12. Teaching Media

12.1 Text, transparencies, and video

13. Measurement and evaluation of student achievement

Student achievement is measured and evaluated by

13.1 the ability to know an overview of the workings of state and government

13.2 the ability to introduce relevant political theory

13.3 the ability to demonstrate the relationship of theory and practice

13.41 the ability to demonstrate the method of scientific study of political

Student's achievement will be graded according to the faculty and university standard using the symbols: A, B+, B, C+,C,D+, D, and F.

Students must have attended at least 80% of the total class hours of this course.

Ratio of mark

Evaluations are based on two in-class examinations (45% each) and contribution to discussion 10%.

The standard scale of 90-100=A; 85-89=B+; 80-84=B; etc. 60 is required to pass.

14. Course evaluation

14.1 Students' achievement as indicated in number 13 above.

14.2 Students' satisfaction toward teaching and learning of the course using questionnaires.

15. Reference (s)

Eugene Jones, Introduction to Politics (text)

Lain McLean, Concise Dictionary of Politics, Oxford, 1996.

16. Instructor (s)

Dr. Eugene Jones

17. Course Coordinator

Dr. Paul Yablo