Political Science 110
Introduction to Political Science

***Please check your UH email regularly for instructions and assignments***

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WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT
Windward Community College offers innovative programs in the arts and sciences and opportunities to gain knowledge and understanding of Hawai‘i and its unique heritage. With a special commitment to support the access and educational needs of Native Hawaiians, we provide O‘ahu’s Ko‘olau region and beyond with liberal arts, career and lifelong learning in a supportive and challenging environment — inspiring students to excellence.

CATALOG DESCRIPTION
Introduction to Political Science is meant to expose students to varying institutions, perspectives and philosophies relating to power and government. This course prepares students to begin studies leading toward degrees and careers in government, law, community organizing and other fields. This particular section has an emphasis in the politics of Hawai‘i, both in the present and the past.

Activities Required at Scheduled Times Other Than Class Times
Students are encouraged to participate in some type of political activity over the course of the semester. This participation will constitute the content of their final papers. If a student cannot participate in a political activity, a 5 page paper is required describing the importance of political participation.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES
The student learning outcomes for the course are:

- Identify and describe the structure of political issues and political relationships.
- Clearly explain and evaluate complex political thought and the positions of several thinkers in political theory.
- Examine and interpret contemporary political issues through the application of political theory.
- Relate media, technology, and language to the formation and maintenance of the political order.
- Carefully justify one’s own political position.
**Course Schedule**

Schedule is subject to change with fair notice and will be made available via the course website. Van Belle (or VB) refers to the course textbook: Douglass Van Belle, *A Novel Approach to Politics* (4th edition, 2015).

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COURSE TASKS
Students are expected to:
1. read assigned textbook and watch weekly powerpoint lectures and/or videos.
2. Write 1 paragraph responses to each chapter, supplemental reading, and/or video (one paragraph per assigned reading/powerpoint/video)
3. Write a 6 - 8 page paper on a political topic of the student’s choice.
4. Take mid-term and final written examinations on the content of the course

LEARNING RESOURCES


Here’s the cover:

![A Novel Approach to Politics](image)

Other resources as posted on Laulima.

Additional Information

Dropping and Adding
Students are responsible for understanding the policies and procedures about add/drop, grade forgiveness, etc. Refer to the current semester's Catalog Policies.

Assignments and Grading Policy
Standard grade scale (A – F) will be used in this course. Late work will only be accepted upon receipt of special permission – extension granted by the instructor.

University Policies

Academic integrity
Your commitment as a student to learning is evidenced by your enrollment at Windward Community College. Infractions such as plagiarism are serious offenses and will not be tolerated.

DISABILITIES ACCOMMODATION STATEMENT
If you have a physical, sensory, health, cognitive, or mental health disability that could limit your ability to fully participate in this class, you are encouraged to contact the Disability Specialist Counselor to discuss reasonable accommodations that will help you succeed in this class. Ann Lemke can be reached at 235-7448, lemke@hawaii.edu, or you may stop by Hale ‘Akoakoa 213 for more information.