

Section 348 Syllabus
Political Science 104 with Professor Coleman
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Class Goals and Expectations:

This discussion section is entirely for your benefit. It will be dedicated to discussing the reading (particularly from *The Enduring Debate*), reviewing information from lecture, preparing for the exams, and answering any questions you may have related to the course material.

Because of that, it is imperative that you come to discussion *every week*. Equally important, you should come to class each week having completed the appropriate readings and any assignments that are due, and fully ready to actively participate in the discussion. Participation has a direct impact on your grade, and will also increase your familiarity with and understanding of the course material.

Grades:

Your section grade accounts for 25% of your course grade.

10% - Short Paper

15% - Long Paper

Information regarding these two papers (which together will constitute less than 10 pages of writing) will be forthcoming. Additionally, your section grade will be adjusted on a sliding scale (-5 to 5), dependant on three things:

- (1) Class attendance
- (2) Class participation
- (3) Completion of assignments, including web activities

Some additional points on grading:

- ❖ Timeliness – Any assignment is due at the *beginning* of class. Unless prior arrangements have been made, any late work will be penalized one grade, and an additional grade for every 48 hours it is late (A → AB, etc). This does not mean you should not turn in a late assignment. You are expected and *required* to complete all assignments in this course.
- ❖ Web Assignments – Web assignments will be graded with a **J** (completed according to our expectations, basically an A), **J+** (exceeds expectations, goes above and beyond, A+), or a **J-** (shows little effort, fails to meet expectations, basically a BC).
- ❖ You will be required to rewrite any assignments that are done too poorly. Late penalties will still apply.
- ❖ Any questions about grades should be directed to me privately, in office hours.

COME SEE ME. If you have a problem, concern, or something you're just not getting, come to office hours. We'll find a way to work it out.

Schedule:

September 13	Section organization, Political Culture <i>Web Activity Due</i>
September 20	Constitution
September 27	Civil Liberties and Civil Rights <i>Web Activity Due</i>
October 4	Political Parties
October 11	Catch up, review
October 12	Exam 1
October 18	Elections and Voting <i>Web Activity Due</i>
October 25	Public Opinion and the Media
November 1	Interest Groups <i>Web Activity Due</i>
November 8	Catch up, review
November 14	Exam 2
November 15	Congress <i>Web Activity Due</i>
November 22	NO MEETINGS – THANKSGIVING BREAK
November 29	Bureaucracy and Presidency
December 6	Courts
December 13	Public Policy
December 22	Exam 3, 10:05 am