General Education Social Science Learning Outcome: Students apply social science concepts, models or theories to explain human behavior, social interactions or social institutions.

The Learning Outcome will be assessed through the paper on Federalism and US Marijuana Policy.

Course Objective: This course is an overview of two issues in contemporary politics: the War on Drugs and the War on Terrorism. This course is intended to familiarize you with the goals of public policy, social issues, and philosophical issues surrounding these two “wars.” The literature is to present you with a broad sample of Political Science as a field of study; there are readings on US domestic and international policy, political philosophy, comparative politics, and criminal justice. The assignments are constructed to build student research skills regarding contemporary issues, their historical backgrounds, and to lay the groundwork for more in-depth study. The course is structured in a way that connects the study of Political Science to contemporary political events, policies and debates. Quickly.

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My office is at 26 Coming St., Room 301 Hours: Monday 10:30-11:30, Wednesday 10:30-11:30, and by appointment.

Please Purchase: A notebook.


I will provide additional readings and resources on OAKS.

Class Policies: 1) Attendance: If you miss more than 4 classes you will receive a failing grade (WA). 2) Be on time. 3) Stay Awake. If you are asleep, you are absent. 4) Turn off audible electronic devices. Do not “text” during class. 5) There are no extensions of due dates. Plan accordingly.
Your Grade: There will be 2 exams, 3 reading-response papers, and a short research paper:

- 2 Exams                            20% each
- Research Paper                    15%
- Class Participation              15%
- 3 Response Papers                10% each

Grading Scale
A 94-100 A– 91-93
B+ 88-90 B 84-87 B– 81-83
C+ 77-80 C 73-76 C– 69-72
D+ 66-68 D- 61-66
F 60 and below

Class Participation: Do it: a) Express yourself b) Read to know the topic c) Be prepared to answer questions thoughtfully d) Experience awake-ness.

Paper Requirements: A seven-page paper is required for this course. The paper is about Federalism and US Marijuana Policy. The instructions are on OAKS.

Your work must be your own based on a minimum of 7 journal articles and books. Your paper must have a works cited page and internal citations. Cite everything. Plagiarism will result in a failing grade for the course

Political Science Citation: http://polisci.cofc.edu/documents/12policitationguide.pdf

If you give me half a paper, I will give you half a grade. You need to meet the minimum requirements of the assignment (page length, number and quality of sources, etc.)

Also, you need to turn in 3 3-page reading-response papers. I will give you more information.
Fall 2018 Express 2 Contemporary Political Issues Calendar

War on Terrorism (“Assassination! The whole country has been shot.” – The Clash)

**W October 10:** Introduction to course; Pluralism, democracy, and discussing political issues; War on Terrorism Documentary; *The Weather Underground*

**M October 15:** Introduction to Terrorism and Political Violence; Definitions and Brief History: read Lutz, chapters 1-3, and Badey, Unit 1.

Discussion: Can terrorist violence ever be justified? read Primoratz, “Terrorism and Morality” (OAKS), and Gottlieb, chapter 3 (“Can Terrorism Ever be Justified?”) (OAKS); form an opinion.

**W October 17:** State-Sponsored Terrorism: read Lutz, chapter 4; also check out the U.S. State Department Terrorism Pages: [http://www.state.gov/j/ct/list/](http://www.state.gov/j/ct/list/)

State Terrorism: read Lutz, chapter 10, and Held, “Terrorism and War” (OAKS)

**M October 22:** 1st Response paper due; International Terrorism: read Badey, Unit 4, Lutz, chapter 9, Warner and Hulme, “The Islamic State in Africa: Estimating Fighter Numbers in Cells Across the Continent”, Combating Terrorism Center, West Point (link on OAKS); and “What ISIS Really Wants”, *The Atlantic* (OAKS).

Look at Terror Organizations on U.S. State Department website: [http://www.state.gov/j/ct/list/](http://www.state.gov/j/ct/list/)

**W October 24:** Terrorism and religion: read Lutz, chapters 5 and 6, Badey, Unit 7 and Gottlieb, Chapters 2 and 4; Also look at *Extreme Islam* on (OAKS)

**M October 29:** Counterterrorism: read Lutz, chapter 11-13, Gottlieb, Chapters 7 & 8, and Badey, Unit 9.

Discussion: Bridges, Bombs, Democracy, or some combination thereof?

**W October 31:** 2nd Response Paper Due; Domestic Terrorism: Read Lutz, Chapters 7-9, Badey, Unit 5.

USA: Ecoterrorists: read “Ecoterrorism: Terrorist threat or Political Ploy” and “Total Liberation Radio” (link on OAKS); and

Hate Groups and Religious Extremists; Explore Southern Poverty Law Center Hate Map (link on OAKS); read about a hate group or two. Who is prominent in South Carolina?
**W November 7:** Torture: Clarke on Torture; and Spying on Ourselves: NSA (the Guardian) (OAKS);

review for terror war exam.

*War on Drugs (“Police and Thieves in the street, scarin’ the nation with their guns and ammunition.” – The Clash)*

**M November 12:** Exam 1—Terror War; a War on Drugs Documentary

**W November 14:** Introduction to War on Drugs: Drugs in the 19th Century, Psychotropic chemicals - Food Drugs, Pharmaceuticals, and Illegal Drugs;

read Mares Chapters 1 and 2 (OAKS), and Wainwright, chapters 1-4.

**M November 19:** 3rd Response Paper Due; Consumers-read Mares Chapter 3 (OAKS) and NIDA link; and

Rapidly Changing Pot Laws--Read Articles on Medical Cannabis and Federalism (OAKS)

Discussion: Criminalize Cannabis, Decriminalized Cannabis, or Legalize It

**W November 21:** No Class; Thanksgiving Holiday

**M November 26:** Drug production and Distribution: read Wainwright, chapters 5-8, and Mares Chapter 4 and 5 (OAKS), and Blackwell, “The Costs and Consequences of U.S. Drug Prohibition for the Peoples of Developing Nations” (OAKS)

Opium & Afghanistan, & Mexico, & here.

**W November 28:** Federalism and Marijuana Law Paper Due; The Money: Money Laundering: Read Mares Chapter 6; Civil Asset Forfeiture-watch John Oliver (OAKS)

Drug production and the Environment: Read articles on Cannabis, Kava and the Environment (OAKS); and the environmental effects of illicit Marijuana growing:


…& all the &!#$%* plastic.
M December 3: Last Day of Class

Police Violence (link on OAKS)

Comparative Policies: U.S., Netherlands, Denmark: read Wainwright, chapter 10, & Mares Chapters 8-10.

review for drug war exam

Final Exam: Wednesday, December 12, 4-7 p.m.

This schedule may change.