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 Research 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.

How to Contact Me:
- Speak with me after class
- E-mail: hintond@cofc.edu  Make the subject ISSUES

My office is at 114 Wentworth St., Room 102 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](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.

**Students With Disabilities:**

The College will make reasonable accommodations for persons with documented disabilities. Students should apply for services at the Center for Disability Services/SNAP located on the first floor of the Lightsey Center, Suite 104. Students approved for accommodations are responsible for notifying me as soon as possible and for contacting me one week before accommodation is needed.
Fall 2019 Express 2 Contemporary Political Issues Calendar

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

W October 9: Introduction to course; Pluralism, democracy, and discussing political issues;

War on Terrorism Documentary: The Weather Underground

M October 14: Fall Break

W October 16: Introduction to Terrorism and Political Violence; Brief History and Definitions: read Lutz, chapters 1-3 OAKS), and Badey, Unit 1.

Discussion: Can terrorist violence ever be justified? read Primoratz, “Terrorism and Morality” (OAKS), and Nacos, chapter 6 (“Can Terrorism Ever be Justified?”) (OAKS); form an opinion.

M October 21: 1st Response paper due; State-Sponsored Terrorism: read Nacos, pp. 218-230; also check out the U.S. State Department Terrorism Pages: http://www.state.gov/j/ct/list/

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


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

M October 28: Terrorism and religion: read Nacos, chapter 5; and Badey Unit 7.

W October 30: 2nd Response Paper Due; U.S. Domestic Terrorism: Read Nacos, Chapter 4.

USA: Ecoterrorists: read “Ecoterrorism: Terrorist threat or Political Ploy” (OAKS)

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?

M November 4: Counterterrorism: read Nacos, chapter 10-13, Gottlieb, Chapters 7 & 8, and Badey, Unit 9.

W November 6: Security and Human Rights: read Nacos, Chapter 12; and Spying on Ourselves: NSA (the Guardian) (OAKS);

Discussion: Bridges, Bombs, Democracy, or some combination thereof?
And 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 11:** Introduction to War on Drugs: Drugs in the 19th Century, Psychotropic chemicals - Food Drugs, Pharmaceuticals, and Illegal Drugs; read Mares Chapters 1 (OAKS)

**W November 13:** Exam 1—Terror War; a War on Drugs Documentary TBA

**M November 18:** 3rd Response Paper Due; Drug production and Consumers-read Mares Chapter 3 (OAKS); and Wainwright, chapters 1-4

**W November 20:** Rapidly Changing Pot Laws—Read Article on Medical Cannabis and Federalism (OAKS)

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


**M November 25:** 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)

The Money: Money Laundering: Read Mares Chapter 6; Civil Asset Forfeiture-watch John Oliver (OAKS)

**W November 27:** No Class; Thanksgiving Holiday

**M December 2:** Federalism and Marijuana Law Paper Due; Last Day of Class

Police Violence (link on OAKS)

Comparative Policies: U.S., Netherlands, Denmark: read Wainwright, chapter 10, & Mares TBA

Opium & Afghanistan, & Mexico, … & here

review for drug war exam

Final Exam: Friday, December 6, 4-7 p.m.