

POLI 4020: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

Location: 116 Stubbs MWF 11:30-12:20
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I) Required Texts:

U.S. Constitution (bring with you to class)

Supplemental text: *Institutional Powers & Constraints* (Lee Epstein & Thomas Walker)

II) Grade Distribution:

Midterm 1:	15% (online)
Midterm 2:	15% (online)
Final:	20% (online and in-class)
Moodle Quizzes:	20%
Short Moodle Exercises:	15%
Attendance:	15%

III) Useful Links

[LSU Disability Services](#)

[PS 22](#) on “Student Absence From Class”

[PS 26](#) on Policy for Persons with Disabilities

[PS 44](#) on Student Grading

[PS 48](#) on Student Appeals

IV) Academic Integrity

Taken from the LSU Code of [Student Conduct](#), Section 8.0, page 18:

A. High standards of academic integrity are crucial for the University to fulfill its educational mission. To uphold these standards, procedures have been established to address academic misconduct.

As a guiding principle, the University expects Students to model the principles outlined in the University Commitment to Community, especially as it pertains to accepting responsibility for their actions and holding themselves and others to the highest standards of performance in an academic environment. For example, LSU students are responsible for submitting work for evaluation that reflects their individual performance and should not assume any assignment given by any professor is a “group” effort or work unless specifically noted on the assignment. In all other cases, students must assume the work is to be done independently. If the student has a question regarding the instructor’s expectations for individual assignments, projects, tests, or other items submitted for a grade, it is the student’s responsibility to seek clarification.

Any Student found to have committed or to have attempted to commit Academic Misconduct is subject to the disciplinary sanctions set forth in Section 9.0.

B. An instructor may not assign a disciplinary grade, such as an "F" or zero on an assignment, test, examination, or course as a sanction for admitted or suspected Academic Misconduct in lieu of formally charging the student with Academic Misconduct under the provisions of this Code. All grades assigned as a result of accountability action must be approved by the Dean of Students or designee.

V) Rehabilitation Act of 1973:

LSU abides by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which stipulates that no student shall be denied the benefits of an education "solely by reason of a handicap." Disabilities covered by law include, but are not limited to, learning, psychological hearing, sight and mobility impairments. If you have a disability that may have some impact on your work in this class and for which you may require accommodations, please see me or the Office of Disability Services, 112 Johnston Hall, so that such accommodations may be arranged

VI) Grading Scale

97 and above: A+
93-96.9: A
89.5-92.9: A-
86.5-89.49: B+
83.5-86.49: B
79.5-83.49: B-
76.5-79.49: C+
73.5-76.49: C
69.5-73.49: C-
66.5-69.49: D+
63.5-66.49: D
59.5-63.49: D-
59.49 and below: F

Schedule of Classes:

January 9:	Syllabus
January 11-18:	Court System, Judicial Review, Jurisdiction
January 17:	Final date for dropping courses without receiving a W, 4:30 pm deadline
January 18:	Final date for adding courses for credit and making section changes, 4:30 pm deadline
January 18:	Final date to petition deans' office to invoke the Grade Exclusion Policy, 4:30 pm deadline.
January 21:	Martin Luther King Day
January 23-25:	Justiciability
January 28:	Legislature, Internal Control
January 30-Feb. 13:	Legislature, Sources and Scope of Legislative Powers
February 15-February 27:	Legislature, Qualifications, Manner & Place
Midterm 1:	Covers up through the legislature Open from March 1 (after review) to March 8 Two tries on moodle.
March 1:	Review
March 4-6	Mardis Gras
March 8-11:	Executive, Domestic Policy
March 12:	Mid-term grades
March 13-18	Executive, Foreign Policy
March 20-25:	Separation of Powers
March 22:	Final date for dropping courses, 4:30 pm deadline
March 22:	Final date for resigning from the University, 4:30 pm deadline
March 22:	Final date to request a final examination when three examinations are scheduled in 24 hours
March 24:	Course scheduling for fall semester, Summer Intersession and Wintersession begins, 5:00 pm
March 27:	Review
Midterm II:	March 27 (after review) through April 1 Two tries
March 29-April 5:	Federalism

April 8-12: Commerce

April 15-21: Spring Break

April 22: Review Commerce

April 24: Takings Clause

April 24-28: Concentrated Study period→No meetings, social activities, athletic events, or other extracurricular activities requiring student participation will be schedule; no major examinations will be given in academic courses other than labs.

April 26: Contracts

April 27: Last day of classes

Final exam: Tuesday, April 30, 12:30-2:30

[Spring 2019 Final Exam Schedule](#)