

## American Constitutional Law and Politics POLI:3101 Syllabus Part 2

CLAS (or the University) has long required a list of policy statements and other information be part of a course syllabus. In the past the powers that be were at least good enough to put these requirements into a statement that instructors could simply link to or paste into a syllabus. CLAS has now abandoned this approach in favor of a template for course syllabi. There is still some flexibility in how instructors format their syllabi, but less than before. In any case, in addition to the essential information in Part 1 of the syllabus, this Part 2 contains other required information.

### Some initial items:

- Course meeting time and place: 3:30-4:45 T&Th, 14 Schaeffer Hall
- Department of Political Science: <https://politicalscience.uiowa.edu/>
- Student drop-in hours: These are the Office Hours (Not sure why they call it something different, but I'm sticking with the old term.)
- Departmental Executive Officer: Julianna Pacheco, [julianna-pacheco@uiowa.edu](mailto:julianna-pacheco@uiowa.edu)
- Description of Course and Learning Outcomes: In addition to what is mentioned in Part 1, see the material for this course on my website: <https://www.profhagle.com/courses/>.
- Course Description on MyUI: American constitutional law is a very broad topic. To introduce students to this area we will focus on civil rights and liberties. The material provides an understanding of the operations of the Supreme Court and the Justices and acquaints students with court opinions and the relevant terminology. The format of the course is discussion-based, with students selected each day to discuss the day's readings. (The class format is similar to that used in law school, which will give prelaw students a preview of what they may experience in law school.) Grades are based on two tests, a paper, and a discussion grade. This course is best for juniors and above, though advanced sophomores should do well too. Students who have taken either POLI:3121 (Judicial Process), POLI:3120 (Criminal Justice System), or similar courses, should be well-prepared for POLI:3101, but such courses are not necessary for success in this course. Further information can be obtained in the Courses section at [www.profhagle.com](http://www.profhagle.com). (Includes additional textbook information and the most recent previous syllabus.)
- Textbooks: Additional details on the texts for this course can be found on my website: <https://www.profhagle.com/courses/>
- Course ICON site: To access the course site, log into [Iowa Courses Online \(ICON\)](#) using your Hawk ID and password.
- Attendance: Beyond once at the beginning of the semester I don't take attendance, but you should come to class. I'll discuss this more the first day of class.
- Recordings: No recordings are allowed.

- Artificial intelligence (AI): Use of AI is not allowed for course assignments. More details will be discussed in class.
- Academic honesty: Don't cheat, do your own work. More details will be discussed in class.
- Classroom expectations: These will be discussed in class and see here: <https://www.profhagle.com/courses/classroom-etiquette/>

**Some items from the Provost's Office:**

<https://provost.uiowa.edu/student-course-policies>

**A LOT of items from CLAS:**

Some of these are repeated from the Provost's items.

**Student Complaints**

Students with a complaint about a grade or a related matter should first discuss the situation with the instructor and/or the course supervisor (if applicable), and finally with the DEO (Chair) of the department, school or program offering the course. Sometimes students will be referred to the department or program's Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUS) or Director of Graduate Studies (DGS).

Undergraduate students should contact [CLAS Undergraduate Programs](#) for support when the matter is not resolved at the previous level. Graduate students should contact the [CLAS Graduate Affairs Manager](#) when additional support is needed.

**Course's College (Administrative Home)**

For undergraduate courses

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) is the home of this course, and CLAS governs the add and drop deadlines, academic misconduct policies, and other undergraduate policies and procedures. Other UI colleges may have different policies.

For graduate courses

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) is the home of this course, and CLAS governs the policies and procedures for its courses. Graduate students, however, must adhere to the [academic deadlines set by the Graduate College](#).

**Drop Deadline for this Course**

You may drop an individual course before the drop deadline; after this deadline you will need collegiate approval. You can look up the drop deadline for this course [here](#). When you drop a course, a "W" will appear on your transcript. The mark of "W" is a neutral mark that does not affect your GPA. To discuss how dropping (or staying in) a course might affect your academic goals, please contact your Academic Advisor.

Directions for adding or dropping a course and other registration changes can be found on the [Registrar's website](#). Undergraduate students can find policies on dropping CLAS courses [here](#). Graduate students should adhere to the [academic deadlines](#) and policies set by the Graduate College.

### **UI Email**

Students are responsible for all official correspondences sent to their UI email address (uiowa.edu) and must use this address for any communication with instructors or staff in the UI community. For the privacy and the protection of student records, UI faculty and staff can only correspond with UI email addresses.

### **Attendance and Accommodations**

#### Absences from Class

University regulations require that students be allowed to make up examinations which have been missed due to illness, religious holy days, military service obligations, including service-related medical appointments, jury duty, or other unavoidable circumstances or other university-sponsored activities. Students should work with their instructors regarding making up other missed work, such as assignments, quizzes, and classroom attendance.

#### Absences for Religious Holy Days

The university is prepared to make reasonable accommodations for students whose religious holy days coincide with their classroom assignments, test schedules, and classroom attendance expectations. Students must notify their instructors in writing of any such religious holy day conflicts or absences within the first few days of the semester or session, and no later than the third week of the semester. If the conflict or absence will occur within the first three weeks of the semester, the student should notify the instructor as soon as possible. See [Policy Manual 8.2 Absences for Religious Holy Days](#) for additional information.

#### Absences for Military Service Obligations

Students absent from class or class-related requirements due to U.S. veteran or U.S. military service obligations (including military service-related medical appointments, military orders, and National Guard Service obligations) shall be excused without any grading adjustment or other penalty. Instructors shall make reasonable accommodations to allow students to make up, without penalty, tests and assignments they missed because of veteran or military service obligations. Reasonable accommodations may include making up missed work following the service obligation; completing work in advance; completing an equivalent assignment; or waiver of the assignment without penalty. In all instances, students bear the responsibility to communicate with their instructors about such veteran or military service obligations, to meet course expectations and requirements.

## Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The University is committed to providing an educational experience that is accessible to all students. If a student has a diagnosed disability or other disabling condition that may impact the student's ability to complete the course requirements as stated in the syllabus, the student may seek accommodations through [Student Disability Services](#) (SDS). SDS is responsible for making [Letters of Accommodation \(LOA\)](#) available to the student. **The student must provide an LOA to the instructor as early in the semester as possible, but requests not made at least two weeks prior to the scheduled activity for which an accommodation is sought may not be accommodated.** The LOA will specify what reasonable course accommodations the student is eligible for and those the instructor should provide. Additional information can be found on the [SDS website](#).

## **Include language welcoming students to initiate conversations**

with you about accommodations they may need related to any of the above reasons (disabilities, religious holy days, military service, etc.).

## **Other Expectations of Student Performance**

### Free Speech and Expression

The University of Iowa supports and upholds the First Amendment protection of freedom of speech and the principles of academic and artistic freedom. We are committed to open inquiry, vigorous debate, and creative expression inside and outside of the classroom. Visit the [Free Speech at Iowa website](#) for more information on the university's policies on free speech and academic freedom.

### Non-discrimination Statement

The University of Iowa prohibits discrimination in employment, educational programs, and activities on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, pregnancy (including childbirth and related conditions), disability, genetic information, status as a U.S. veteran, service in the U.S. military, sexual orientation, gender identity, or associational preferences. The university also affirms its commitment to providing equal opportunities and equal access to university facilities. For additional information on nondiscrimination policies, contact the Senior Director, Office of Civil Rights Compliance, the University of Iowa, 202 Jessup Hall, Iowa City, IA 52242-1316, 319-335-0705, [ui-ocrc@uiowa.edu](mailto:ui-ocrc@uiowa.edu). Although not required, students have the option to share their pronouns and chosen/preferred names in class and through [MyUI](#). Instructors and advisors can find information about a student's chosen/preferred name in MyUI.

### Classroom Expectations

Students are expected to comply with University policies regarding appropriate classroom behavior as outlined in the [Code of Student Life](#). While students have the right to express themselves and participate freely in class, it is expected that students will behave with the same level of courtesy and respect in the virtual class setting

(whether asynchronous or synchronous) as they would in an in-person classroom. Failure to follow behavior expectations as outlined in the [Code of Student Life](#) may be addressed by the instructor and may also result in discipline under the [Code of Student Life](#) policies governing E.5 Disruptive Behavior or E.6 Failure to Comply with University Directive.

### Class Recordings

The unauthorized video or audio recording of academic activities (e.g., lectures, course discussions, office hours, etc.) by a student is prohibited. Students with a reasonable accommodation for recording approved by Student Disability Services should notify each instructor and provide the Letter of Accommodation prior to using the accommodation. A student may record classroom activities with prior written permission from the instructor and notice to other students in the class that audio or video recording may occur. Any and all classroom recording must be for personal academic use only. The distribution, sharing, sale, or posting of recordings on the internet (including social media), in whole or in part, is prohibited and doing so may be a violation of the Code of Student Life and/or state or federal privacy, copyright, or other laws.

### **Academic Honesty and Misconduct**

All students in CLAS courses are expected to abide by the [college's standards of academic honesty](#). Undergraduate academic misconduct must be reported by instructors to CLAS according to [these procedures](#). Graduate academic misconduct must be reported to the Graduate College according to Section F of the [Graduate College Manual](#).

### **Date and Time of the Final Exam**

The [final examination date and time](#) will be announced by the Registrar generally by the fifth week of classes, and it will be announced on the course ICON site once it is known. **Do not plan your end of the semester travel plans until the final exam schedule is made public. It is your responsibility to know the date, time, and place of the final exam.** According to the Registrar's final exam policy, students **have a maximum of two weeks after the announced final exam schedule** to request a change if an exam conflict exists or if a student has more than two exams scheduled for the same day (see the [policy](#) here).

### **Student Support Resources and Related Policies**

#### Academic Support for this Course

*Remind students here about your drop-in student hours and also provide information on departmental, collegiate, or university resources helpful for this course.*

See Part 1 of the syllabus for my Office Hours.

## Academic Support Resources for Students

This list is not comprehensive! Tutor Iowa is a hub website that links to many of the other resources on campus; you can find even more help labs there. This list also does not include any libraries, but depending on your course topic, it could be valuable to include information about services and resources available through UI Libraries.

### Tutor Iowa

#### Supplemental Instruction

#### Center for Language and Culture Learning (CLCL)

#### History Teaching & Writing Center

#### Math Tutorial Lab

#### Physics and Astronomy Help Center

#### Statistics Tutorial Lab and Actuarial Science Lab

#### The Student Center (Journalism and Mass Communication)

#### The Writing Center

## Mental Health

Students are encouraged to be mindful of their mental health and seek help as a preventive measure or if feeling overwhelmed and/or struggling to meet course expectations. Students are encouraged to talk to their instructor for assistance with specific class-related concerns. For additional support and counseling, students are encouraged to contact University Counseling Service (UCS). Information about UCS, including resources and how to schedule an appointment, can be found at [counseling.uiowa.edu](https://counseling.uiowa.edu). Find out more about UI mental health services at: [mentalhealth.uiowa.edu](https://mentalhealth.uiowa.edu).

## Basic Needs and Student Support

It can be difficult to maintain focus and be present if you are experiencing challenges with meeting basic needs or navigating personal crisis situations. The Office of the Dean of Students can help. Contact us for one-on-one support, identifying options, and to locate and access basic needs resources (such as food, rent, childcare, etc.).

## Student Care and Assistance

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[dos-assistance@uiowa.edu](mailto:dos-assistance@uiowa.edu)

319-335-1162

### Basic Needs info:

- [Food Pantry at Iowa](#)
- [Clothing Closet](#)
- [Basic Needs and Support Resources](#)

### Sexual Harassment/Sexual Misconduct and Supportive Measures

The University of Iowa prohibits all forms of sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, and related retaliation. The [Policy on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Misconduct](#) governs actions by students, faculty, staff and visitors. Incidents of sexual harassment or sexual misconduct can be reported to the [Office of Civil Rights Compliance](#) or to the [Department of Campus Safety](#). Students impacted by sexual harassment or sexual misconduct may be eligible for academic supportive measures and can learn more by [contacting the Office of Civil Rights Compliance](#). Information about confidential resources and videos explaining these resources can be found on the [Office of Civil Rights Compliance website](#).

### Conflict Resolution

The Office of the Ombudsperson is a confidential, impartial, informal, and independent resource for any member of the university community with a problem or concern. The Office of the Ombudsperson offers a safe place to discuss conflicts or concerns. Students are encouraged to reach out for assistance. The office will brainstorm with students to help identify options, answer any questions, and provide referrals to other offices as appropriate. More information about the Office of the Ombudsperson, including how to schedule an appointment, can be found at [ombudsperson.org.uiowa.edu](http://ombudsperson.org.uiowa.edu).