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American Politics & Policies
Undergraduate Course Syllabus

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PART 1: INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION AND COURSE DESCRIPTION

1.1 General information

- Full course title: American Politics & Policies
- Type of course: Elective
- Level of course B.A.
- Year of study: 2nd
- Number of ECTS credits allocated: 2
- Name of the instructor: Dr. Vladimir A. Zhdanov
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1.2 Course aims and learning outcomes

The course introduces students to the structure of American government and the policies the latter carries out. The first part of the course – The Foundations – explores the historical traditions of American liberal democracy as well as its constitutional foundations. The second part – Political Institutions – gives an overview of the structure and functioning of the basic institutional pillars of the American political system (Congress, Presidency, Courts). Special attention is given to the analysis of the complex interplay and shifting balances between these branches of power over the course of history. In the third part – Political Behavior – students will study the evolution of the two main American parties, the activities of principal interest groups, and their influence on public opinion and voting. The fourth part – The Policy Process – describes the structure of American bureaucracy and the regulations of its formation. It also reveals the basic principles and stages of U.S. policy-making process in various areas of socioeconomic activities. The final part of the course – American Foreign Policy – uses the content of the previous parts as conceptual and historical background to explain and evaluate past and present US foreign policies. It demonstrates that foreign policy decisions involve complex tradeoffs among the interests of numerous institutions and individuals that participate in American national security policymaking, which for this reason may be viewed as much a function of domestic politics as the result of the structural external factors influence.

Learning outcomes

By the end of this course students should be able to understand the current explanations of American politics and policies. Students will develop an in-depth knowledge of major topics within the field of American studies.

1.3 Course requirements and grading plan

Course requirements

Students are required to attend no less than 75% of classes and be prepared for class discussions. Reading of the required materials and active engagement in class discussions is mandatory.

Grading plan

Grading is on a Pass/Fail basis.

Three 30-minute in-class tests – 25% each.

Participation in class discussions – 25%.

Required reading materials in the form of the instructor's handouts (about 5-7 single spaced pages) will be sent as attached files in an email.

PART 2. COURSE CONTENT

2.1 Types of work

Types of work	Academic hours	ECTS credits
Total	72	2
Total for lectures and discussions	32	
Lectures	16	
Discussions	16	
Homework	40	
Reading assignments	13	
Preparation for the first test	9	
Preparation for the second test	9	
Preparation for the third test	9	

2.2. Course content and readings by topic

Part I: THE FOUNDATIONS

Topic 1: Introduction. (lecture and discussion)

The historical background. The bourgeois “fragment” of Europe. The liberal tradition (“American creed”). The dualist democracy. Connecticut Compromise. U.S. Constitution. The Bill of Rights. Constitutional amendments.

Required readings: Handout

Suggested readings:

1. Ciepley D. ‘Is the U.S. Government a Corporation? The Corporate Origins of Modern Constitutionalism.’ – *American Political Science Review*. Vol. 111, 2000, no. 2, p. 418-435.
2. Federalist No. 10. – Miller B., Holmes J.S. (eds.). *Readings in American National Government*. Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt Publishing Company, 2017, p. 32-36.
3. Federalist No. 51. – Miller B., Holmes J.S. (eds.). *Readings in American National Government*, p. 37-40.
4. Hadenius A. *American Exceptionalism Revisited. US Political Development in Comparative Perspective*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015. Chapter 2.
5. Smith R.M. ‘Beyond Tocqueville, Myrdal and Hartz: The Multiple Traditions in America.’ – *American Political Science Review*. Vol. 87, 1993, no. 3, p. 549-566.
6. Wilson J.Q., Dilulio J.J.Jr., Bose M., Levendusky M. *American Government. Institutions & Policies*. Brief Version. 13th ed. Boston, MA: Cengage Learning, 2018. Chapter 2.

Topic 2: Federalism (lecture and discussion)

The historical phases of American federalism: conflict (layer-cake federalism), cooperative (marble-cake federalism), concentrated, creative, competitive, calculative, contractive. Rivalry among the states. Federal grants and federal control.

Required readings: Handout

Suggested readings:

1. Bishop B.H. 'Federal Complexity and Perception of State Party Ideology in the United States' – *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*. Vol. 48, 2018, no. 4, p. 559-585.
2. Conlan T.J., Posner P.L. 'American Federalism in an Era of Partisan Polarization: The Intergovernmental Paradox of Obama's "New Nationalism".' – *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*. Vol. 46, 2016, no. 3, p. 281-307.
3. Conlan T.J. 'Intergovernmental Relations in a Compound Republic: The Journey from Cooperative to Polarized Federalism.' – *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*. Vol. 47, 2017, no. 2, p. 171-187.
4. Federalist No. 39. – Miller B., Holmes J.S. (eds.). *Readings in American National Government*, p. 56-60.
5. Hadenius A. *American Exceptionalism Revisited*. Chapter 3.
6. Wilson J.Q., Dilulio J.J.Jr., Bose M., Levendusky M. *American Government*. Chapter 3.

Topic 3: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (lecture and discussion)

Freedom of expression and freedom of religion. Freedom of speech and national security. Terrorism and civil liberties. Race and civil rights. LGBT rights. The affirmative action. Equality of results and equality of opportunity.

Required readings: Handout

Suggested readings:

1. Ackerman B. *The Civil Rights Revolution*. Cambridge, MA: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2014.
2. Chilton A.S., Versteeg M. 'Do Constitutional Rights Make a Difference?' – *American Journal of Political Science*. Vol. 60, 2016, no. 3, p. 575–589.
3. Green D.P., Aronow P.M., Bergan D.E., Greene P., Paris C., Weinberger B.I. 'Does Knowledge of Constitutional Principles Increase Support for Civil Liberties? Results from a Randomized Field Experiment' – *The Journal of Politics*. Vol. 73, 2011, no. 2, p. 463–476.
4. Rhodes J.H. 'Progressive Policy Making in a Conservative Age? Civil Rights and the Politics of Federal Education Standards, Testing, and Accountability' – *Perspective on Politics*. Vol. 9, 2011, no. 3, p. 519-544.
5. Sked A. 'Race in America: From Civil War to Civil Rights' – *Journal of Contemporary History*. Vol. 49, 2014, no. 2, p. 440–453.
6. Wilson J.Q., Dilulio J.J.Jr., Bose M., Levendusky M. *American Government*. Chapter 4.

Part II: POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS

Topic 4: Congress (lecture and discussion)

Partisan and racial gerrymandering. The incumbency factor. Descriptive representation. Majority party caucus and party voting. Particularism and polarization. The committee system. Floor debate and filibuster. Individual rationality vs. collective irrationality.

Required readings: Handout

Suggested readings:

1. Bateman D., Clinton J.D., Lapinski J.S. 'A House Divided? Roll Calls, Polarization, and Policy Differences in the U.S. House, 1877-2011.' – *American Journal of Political Science*. Vol. 61, No. 3, July 2017, p. 698–714.
2. Berry C.R., Fowler A. 'Cardinals or Clerics? Congressional Committees and the Distribution of Pork.' – *American Journal of Political Science*. Vol. 60, 2016, no. 3, p. 692–708.
3. Krehbiel K. *Pivotal Politics. A Theory of U.S. Lawmaking*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1998.
4. Mayhew D.R. *Congress. The Electoral Connection*. 2nd ed. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2004.
5. Polsby N.W. *How Congress Evolves. Social Bases of Institutional Change*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004.
6. Wilson J.Q., Dilulio J.J.Jr., Bose M., Levendusky M. *American Government*. Chapter 9.

Topic 5: The Presidency (lecture and discussion)

The constitutional origins and powers of the presidency. Elected representative of the whole nation. Executive orders. Political appointees and judicial appointments. The rise of the imperial presidency.

Required readings: Handout

Suggested readings:

1. Cohen J. 'The Historical Memory of American Presidents in the Mass Public.' – *Social Sciences*. Vol. 7, 2018, no. 3, p. 36-49.
2. Milkis S.M., Nelson M. *The American Presidency. Origins and Development, 1776-2014*. 7th ed. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2016.
3. Nelson M. (ed.). *The Presidency and the Political System*. 11th ed., Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2018.
4. Rogowski J.C. 'Presidential Influence in an Era of Congressional Dominance' – *American Political Science Review*. Vol. 110, 2016, no. 2, p. 325-341.
5. Shafer B.E., Wagner R.L. 'The Trump Presidency and the Structure of Modern American Politics' – *Perspective on Politics*. Vol. 17, 2019, no. 2, p. 340-357.
6. Wilson J.Q., Dilulio J.J.Jr., Bose M., Levendusky M. *American Government*. Chapter 10.

Topic 6: The Judiciary (lecture and discussion)

The judiciary in the political process. The organization of the court system. Courts as political institutions. Judicial review. Judicial decision making. The Supreme Court.

Required readings: Handout

Suggested readings:

1. Hogan S.O. 'The Structure and Process of State Courts.' – Hogan S.O. (ed.) *The Judicial Branch of State Government. People, Process, and Politics*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2006, p. 97-136.
2. Manweller M. 'The Roles, Functions, and Powers of State Courts' – Hogan S.O. (ed.) *The Judicial Branch of State Government. People, Process, and Politics*, p. 37-94.
3. McMahon K.J. 'A Polarizing Court? Analyzing Judicial Decisions in a Red/Blue America.' – Frisch S.A., Kelly S.Q. *Politics to the Extreme. American Political Institutions in the Twenty-First Century*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.
4. Pacelle R.L.Jr. *The Supreme Court in a Separation of Power System. The Nation's Balance Wheel*. New York: Routledge, 2015.
5. Porto B.L. *May It Please the Court. Judicial Process and Politics in America*. 3rd ed. London: Routledge, 2017.
6. Wilson J.Q., Dilulio J.J.Jr., Bose M., Levendusky M. *American Government*. Chapter 12.

Part III: POLITICAL BEHAVIOR

Topic 7. Interest Groups and Political Parties (lecture and discussion)

Mainstream and polarization patterns of American elite discourse. Lobbyists and special interests. Money and PACs. Interest group strategies. Polarized parties in a separation-of-powers constitutional system.

Required readings: Handout

Suggested readings:

1. Harmel R., Giebert M., Janda K. *American Parties in Context. Comparative and Historical Analysis*. London: Routledge, 2016.
2. Lewis V. 'Party Control of Government and American Party Ideology Development' – *Studies in American Political Development*. Vol. 32, 2018, no. 2, p. 188-216.
3. Maisel L.S., Berry J.M. (eds.) *American Political Parties and Interest Groups*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.
4. Mayhew D.R. *Parties And Policies: How the American Government Works*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2008.
5. Phillips K. *Wealth and Democracy. A Political History of the American Rich*. New York: Broadway Books, 2002.
6. Wilson J.Q., Dilulio J.J.Jr., Bose M., Levendusky M. *American Government*. Chapter 7.

Topic 8: Public Opinion and Elections (lecture and discussion)

Socialization and political partisanship. The structure of public opinion. USA as a representative democracy (democratic systems are designed to facilitate participation of the public). Forms of participation and voter turnout. Primary elections and local caucuses.

Required readings: Handout

Suggested readings:

1. Leighley J.E. (ed.) *American Elections and Political Behavior*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.
2. McCarty N., Keith T. Poole K.T., Rosenthal H. 'Does Gerrymandering Cause Polarization?' – *American Journal of Political Science*. Vol. 53, 2009, no. 3, p. 666-680.
3. Newman B.J., Johnston C.D., Lown P.L. 'False Consciousness or Class Awareness? Local Income Inequality, Personal Economic Position, and Belief in American Meritocracy' – *American Journal of Political Science*. Vol. 59, 2015, no. 2, p. 326–340.
4. Schaffner B.F., Macwilliams M., Nteta T. 'Understanding White Polarization in the 2016 Vote for President: The Sobering Role of Racism and Sexism.' – *Political Science Quarterly*. Vol. 133, 2018, No. 1, p. 9-34.
5. Warshaw C. 'Local Elections and Representation in the United States.' – *Annual Review of Political Science*. Vol. 22, 2019, p. 461-479.
6. Wilson J.Q., Dilulio J.J.Jr., Bose M., Levendusky M. *American Government*. Chapters 6 & 8

Part IV: THE POLICY PROCESS

Topic 9: American Public Administration (lecture and discussion)

Distinctiveness of the American bureaucracy. The appointment of officials. The spoils system and the Pendleton Civil Service Reform Act. The Office of Personnel Management and the Merit Systems Protection Board. The policy making process. Program planning and program evaluation.

Required readings: Handout

Suggested readings:

1. Cochran C.E. *American Public Policy: An Introduction*. Boston, MA: Cengage Learning, 2016.
2. Durant R.F. (ed.) *American Bureaucracy*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.
3. Jordan S.R., Gray P.W. 'American Bureaucracy in an Age of Oligarchy.' – *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society*. Vol. 32, 2019, no. 3, p. 279-300.
4. Peters B.G. *The Politics of Bureaucracy. An Introduction to Comparative Public Administration*. 7th ed. London: Routledge, 2018.
5. Peters B.G. *American Public Policy: Promise and Performance*. 11th ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage/CQ Press, 2019.
6. Wilson J.Q., Dilulio J.J.Jr., Bose M., Levendusky M. *American Government*. Chapter 11.

Topic 10: Economic and Social Policies (lecture and discussion)

Reaganomics. Compassionate Conservatism. Public-private partnership. “Too big to fail.” Social security. The health care system. Housing policy. Education policy.

Required readings: Handout

Suggested readings:

1. Eisner M.A. *The American Political Economy. Institutional Evolution of Market and State*. London: Routledge, 2011.
2. Morone J.A., Jacobs L.R. *Healthy, Wealthy, and Fair. Health Care and the Good Society*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005.
3. Reintsma M. *The Political Economy of Welfare Reform in the United States*. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar, 2007.
4. Spring J. *The Politics of American Education*. London: Routledge, 2011.
5. Wilson J.Q., Dilulio J.J.Jr., Bose M., Levendusky M. *American Government*. Chapter 13.
6. Wodtke G.T. ‘Social Class and Income Inequality in the United States: Ownership, Authority, and Personal Income Distribution from 1980 to 2010.’ – *American Journal of Sociology*. Vol. 121, 2016, no. 5, p. 1375-1415.

Part V: AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY

Topic 11: Four ideological schools of American foreign policy (lecture and discussion)

Jeffersonian, Hamiltonian, Jacksonian, and Wilsonian traditions.

Required readings: Handout

Suggested readings:

1. Gries P.H. *The Politics of American Foreign Policy. How Ideology Divides Liberals and Conservatives over Foreign Affairs*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2014. Introduction & Part One.
2. Jacobs L.R., Page B.I. ‘Who Influences U.S. Foreign Policy?’ – *American Political Science Review*. Vol. 99, 2005, no. 1, p. 107-123.
3. Jentleson B.W. *American Foreign Policy. The Dynamics of Choice in the 21st Century*. 5th ed. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2014. Chapter 4.
4. Huntington S.P. ‘American Ideals versus American Institutions’ – *Political Science Quarterly*. Vol. 97, 1982, no. 1, p. 1-37.
5. Kissinger H.A. *Diplomacy*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1994. Chapters 1 & 2.
6. Mead W.R. *Special Providence. American Foreign Policy and How It Changed the World*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2001.

Topic 12: Evolution of American Grand Strategy (lecture and discussion)

Foundations of American strategic culture. Explanatory and normative arguments for different visions of U.S. grand strategy. Strategy-making institutions, processes, and instruments.

Required readings: Handout

Suggested readings:

1. Brands H. *American Grand Strategy in the Age of Trump*. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2018.
2. Dombrowski P., Reich S. 'The United States of America.' – Balzacq T., Dombrowski P., Reich S. (eds.). *Comparative Grand Strategy. A Framework and Cases*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019, p. 25-40.
3. Dueck C. 'Realism, Culture and Grand Strategy: Explaining America's Peculiar Path to World Power.' – *Security Studies*. Vol. 14, 2005, no. 2, p. 195–231.
4. Martel W.C. *Grand Strategy in Theory and Practice. The Need for an Effective American Foreign Policy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015. Parts Two & Three.
5. Miller P.D. 'Five Pillars of American Grand Strategy' – *Survival: Global Politics and Strategy*. Vol. 54 (2012), no. 5, p. 7-44.
6. Posen B.R., Ross A.L. 'Competing Visions for U.S. Grand Strategy.' – *International Security*. Vol. 21 (1997), no. 3, p. 5-53.

Topic 13: The Domestic Sources of American Foreign Policy (lecture and discussion)

The three branches and the process of choice. A typology of foreign policy interest groups. Strategies and techniques of influence. The impact of public opinion on foreign policy. Foreign policy and presidential elections.

Required readings: Handout

Suggested readings:

1. Aldrich J.H., Gelpi C., Feaver P., Reifler J., Sharp K.T. 'Foreign Policy and the Electoral Connection.' – *Annual Review of Political Science*. Vol. 9, 2006, p. 477-502.
2. de Graaff N., van Apeldoorn B. 'Corporate elite networks and US post-Cold War grand strategy from Clinton to Obama.' – *European Journal of International Relations*. Vol. 20, 2014, no. 1, p. 29–55.
3. Jentleson B.W. *American Foreign Policy*. Chapters 2 & 3.
4. McCormick J.M. *The Domestic Sources of American Foreign Policy. Insights and Evidence*. 7th ed. Lanham, MD: 2018.
5. Milner H.V, Tingley D. *Sailing the Water's Edge. The Domestic Politics of American Foreign Policy*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2015.
6. Walt S.M. *The Hell of Good Intentions. America's Foreign Policy Elite and the Decline of U.S. Primacy*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2018.

Topic 14: American Foreign Policy Doctrines during the Cold War (lecture and discussion)

Structural and ideological bipolarity. Presidential doctrines. The Marshall Plan. The liberal international economic order. Containment. The Third World "ABC" (anything but Communism) tactics. Deterrence theory. The rise and fall of Détente.

Required readings: Handout

Suggested readings:

1. Andreopoulos G. 'Studying American grand strategy; facets in an 'exceptionalist tradition'.' – *Diplomacy & Statecraft*. Vol. 2, 1991, no. 2, p. 211-235.
2. Gaddis J.L. *Strategies of Containment. A Critical Appraisal of American National Security Policy during the Cold War*. Revised and Expanded Edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005.
3. Hixson W.L. *American Foreign Relations. A New Diplomatic History*. London: Routledge, 2015. Chapters 9 & 10.
4. Jentleson B.W. *American Foreign Policy*. Chapters 5 & 6.
5. Kennan G.F.(Mr. X). 'The Sources of Soviet Conduct' – *Foreign Affairs*. Vol. 25, 1947, no. 4, p. 566-582.
6. Peterson J.W. *American Foreign Policy. Alliance Politics in a Century of War, 1924-2014*. New York: Bloomsbury, 2014. Part Two.

Topic 15: American Foreign Policy Doctrines after the Cold War (lecture and discussion)

The unilateralism versus multilateralism debate. The globalization debate. The democratic peace debate. Humanitarian interventions. NGOs and the politics of globalization. Post 9/11 terrorism deterrence. Military-industrial-counterterrorism-private contractors complex.

Required readings: Handout

Suggested readings:

1. Ikenberry G.J. 'America's Imperial Ambition' – *Foreign Affairs*. Vol. 81, 2002, no. 5, p. 44-60.
2. Jentleson B.W. *American Foreign Policy*. Part Two.
3. Jervis R. 'Understanding the Bush Doctrine' – *Political Science Quarterly*. Vol. 118, 2003, no. 3, p. 365-388.
4. Layne C. 'This Time It's Real: The End of Unipolarity and the *Pax Americana*.' – *International Studies Quarterly*. Vol. 56, 2012, p. 203–213.
5. Peterson J.W. *American Foreign Policy. Alliance Politics in a Century of War, 1924-2014*. New York: Bloomsbury, 2014. Parts Three & Four.
6. Posen B.R. 'Command of the Commons. The Military Foundations of U.S. Hegemony.' – *International Security*. Vol. 28, 2003, no.1, p. 5-46.

Topic 16: Conclusion (lecture and discussion)

The generational gap. Millennials vs. the baby-boomers. The 2020 presidential campaign. Main candidates and their programs. Presidential debates.

Required readings: Handout

Suggested readings:

1. Kowalski J. (ed.) *Reading Donald Trump. A Parallax View of the Campaign and Early*

- Presidency*. Cham, Switzerland: Springer International Publishing/Palgrave Macmillan, 2019.
2. Mast J.L., Alexander J.C. (eds.) *Politics of Meaning/ Meaning of Politics. Cultural Sociology of the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election*. Cham, Switzerland: Springer International Publishing/Palgrave Macmillan, 2019.
 3. Milkman R. 'A New Political Generation: Millennials and the Post-2008 Wave of Protest.' – *American Sociological Review*. Vol. 82, 2017, no. 1, p. 1-31.
 4. Oliva M., Shanahan M. (eds.) *The Trump Presidency. From Campaign Trail to World Stage*. Cham, Switzerland: Springer International Publishing/Palgrave Macmillan, 2019.

Readings

Ackerman B. *The Civil Rights Revolution*. Cambridge, MA: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2014.

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