

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

CAMPAIGN FINANCE . Dr. JOHN GREEN
3700:471/571-001 SPRING 2000

This course deals with the most controversial aspect of applied politics: the role of money. We will discuss the sources of political money, how money is raised and spent, its impact on the political process, the rules that govern political finance, and proposals for campaign finance reform. The course will culminate in a research project that will give students a practical understanding of political money.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

Grades will be calculated on the following basis:

Class participation	20%
Midterm exams	40% (two exams, 20% each)
Research project	20%
Final exam	<u>20%</u>
Total	100%

The instructor does not employ a curve nor does he have any preconceived notion of the grade distribution. Generally, however, the grades will follow the standard "ten point scale" (i.e. 90-100 "A," 80-90 "B," etc.) While all work in the course is weighted equally, IMPROVEMENT COUNTS A GREAT DEAL. A student whose work improves steadily throughout the course can expect to see his final grade to increase by as much as one-half grade.

CLASS PARTICIPATION- Students are expected to participate in class, asking and answering questions as well as expressing their thoughts. Most of the participation grade will be based on discussion sections. These sessions will be informal and will include a quiz on the reading for that week.

EXAMINATIONS- **Two midterm and one final** exam will be given in class (see syllabus for dates). The **midterms** will cover the material to date. Roughly half of each exam will be drawn from the reading and half from lecture; half of the points on each exam will come from identifications and half from an essay question. The **final exam** will ask the students to evaluate current proposals for campaign finance reform in light of material learned in the course

RESEARCH PROJECT-The course will culminate in a research project on campaign finance, the details of which will be discussed latter in the course. Each student will be expected to conduct research and write a 10-15 page paper.

GRADUATE STUDENTS-Students taking this course for graduate credit will face additional expectations. First, they will be expected to perform at a higher level on exams and the research projects. Second, they will be assigned additional written work.

ATTENDANCE-Attendance records will be kept in lecture and discussion section and will be figured into the students final grade.

LATE PAPERS AND MAKE-UP EXAMS- Late papers will not be accepted without a written, medical excuse. Likewise, no make-up exams will be given; if a student has a written, medical excuse, they will be assigned their final average for their missing work. Otherwise, they will receive a zero.

OFFICE HOURS- Students are encouraged to see me in my office when they have questions or problems. My office is Olin 241 and my office hours are 12:00-1:30 Tuesdays and Thursdays, or by appointment; my work number is 972-5182.

NOTICE: STUDENTS WHOSE NAMES DO NOT APPEAR ON THE UNIVERSITY-S OFFICIAL CLASS LIST BY FEBRUARY 1, 1999 WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COURSE (ATTEND CLASS, TAKE EXAMS, OR RECEIVE CREDIT).

REQUIRED READING

*Corrado, Mann, Ortiz, Potter, and Sorauf, *Campaign Finance Reform*

*Green, *Financing the 1996 Election*

*Malbin and Gais, *The Day After Reform*

*Sorauf, *Inside Campaign Finance*

*Readings on Reserve in Library:

Eight reserve readings will be on reserve in the library, labeled as AReserve Reading@ I-VIII

SYLLABUS

ALL MATERIALS SHOULD BE READ BY THE DATE INDICATED!

JAN 18 THE PROBLEM OF POLITICAL MONEY
Reading: Green, ch 1
 Malbin, ch 1
 Corrado ch 1

JAN 25 HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE
Reading: Corrado, ch 2, 3
 Malbin, ch 2
 Sorauf, ch 1

FEB 1 THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE SYSTEM, CIRCA 2000
Reading: Corrado, ch 9
 Sorauf, ch 2, Epilogue
 Green, ch 2

FEB 8 POLITICAL DONORS
Reading: Green, ch 6
 Reserve Reading I

FEB 15 FUND RAISING TECHNIQUES I
Reading: Sorauf, ch 3
 Reserve Reading II

FEB 22 FUND RAISING TECHNIQUES II
Reading: Sorauf, ch 4
 Reserve Reading III

FEB 29 FUND RAISING TECHNIQUES III
Reading: Sorauf, ch 5
 Malbin, ch 4
 Reserve Reading IV

MAR 7 PROJECT APPROVALS DUE

MAR 7 HOW MONEY IS SPENT: CANDIDATES
Reading: Green ch 3,4,5
 Reserve Reading V

MAR 9 FIRST MID-TERM EXAM

MAR 14 THE IMPACT OF MONEY ON ELECTIONS
Reading: Malbin, ch 7
 Sorauf, ch 6

MAR 22 * SPRING BREAK *****

MAR 28 HOW MONEY IS SPENT: PARTIES
Reading: Corrado, ch 6
 Malbin, ch 6
 Green, ch 7

APR 4 HOW MONEY IS SPENT: PACs
Reading: Corrado, ch 5
 Green, ch 8

APR 11 NEW FORMS OF CAMPAIGN SPENDING
Reading: Corrado, ch 7
 Malbin, ch 5
 Reserve Reading VII

APR 18 THE IMPACT OF MONEY ON GOVERNMENT
Reading: Reserve Reading VIII

APR 25 THE POLITICS OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM
Reading: Corrado, ch 4
 Malbin, ch 8
 Green, ch 9

APR 27 SECOND MID-TERM EXAM

MAR 2 THE FUTURE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE
 Sorauf, 8
 Reserve Reading IX

MAR 4 RESEARCH PROJECTS DUE IN CLASS

MAY 11 FINAL EXAM 12:00-1:55.