The 2016 Presidential Election: Issues and Analysis

Class Information

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<th>Class Number</th>
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<td>Semester / Year</td>
<td>Fall 2016</td>
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<td>Class Title</td>
<td>The 2016 Presidential Election: Issues and Analysis</td>
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<td>Class Description</td>
<td>Issues in the Presidential election discussed by various members of the faculty from across the University. Topics may include, but are not limited to: the electoral college, immigration, the economy, the environment, education: K-12 and Higher Education, criminal justice system and foreign affairs; faculty experts will analyze election results on election night and a week later; post-election meetings will include looking ahead for the new administration’s personnel and policies, and finally, the course will conclude with illustrations of opportunities for students to become involved in community and political organizations. CR/NC grading only. 2 units.</td>
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Dr. Kassiola: TBD
Dr. Garcia-Castanon: By appointment, on Tuesdays.

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Teaching Assistants

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Course materials

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<td>Television and podcast shows</td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>Follow one of the following during the semester:</td>
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<td>- The Kelly File (FOX, host: Megyn Kelly)</td>
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https://syllabus.sfsu.edu/syllabus/view/2167-10073?view=print
- The O'Reilly Factor (FOX News, host: Bill O'Reilly)
- The Rachel Maddow Show (MSNBC, host: Rachel Maddow)
- The Last Word (MSNBC, host: Lawrence O'Donnell)
- OutFront (CNN, host: Erin Burnett)
- Anderson Cooper 360, (CNN, host: Anderson Cooper)
- Washington Week (PBS, host: Gwen Ifill)

**Online panel videos**

Optional  This course provides students access to videos of panels for substantive topics. These videos are accessible via iLearn for enrolled students, or the course website for the general public.

Students who cannot attend in person, or who are enrolled in the online section, can watch the panels online and respond to the iLearn quizzes accordingly.

The advantage of attending in person is being able to ask the panelists questions, but student attendance is not mandatory, and the video recordings of the panels are available to all students.

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### Course assignments

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<td><strong>Credit/No Credit evaluation</strong></td>
<td>This course is a Credit/No Credit (CR/NCR) course. The grade is allocated by performance on three iLearn quizzes.</td>
<td>A passing grade is a score of 70% or higher, averaged across all three quizzes.</td>
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<td>Quizzes are available on iLearn, and are due on their specific deadlines.</td>
<td>Quizzes cover only the material in the panels.</td>
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<td>Students are provided unlimited attempts on the quizzes.</td>
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<td>Topics 1-4; due 10/7 by noon</td>
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<td>Topics 5-8; due 11/4 by noon</td>
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<td><strong>Quiz #3</strong></td>
<td>Topics 9-11 &amp; Participation panel; due 12/16 by noon</td>
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Objectives

1. Better understand the American politics presidential campaigns

Prerequisites

PLSI 200 (American Politics) or its equivalent.

Please note: all dates, readings, and related course materials are subject to the instructor's discretion and may change. Proper notice will be given if such changes occur so as to avoid conflicts with course demands.

Policies

SFSU OFFICIAL - Disability Access Statement

Students with disabilities who need reasonable accommodations are encouraged to contact the instructor. The Disability Programs and Resource Center (DPRC) is available to facilitate the reasonable accommodations process. The DPRC is located in the Student Service Building and can be reached by telephone (voice/TTY 415-338-2472) or by email (dprc@sfsu.edu).

Email policy:

We attempt to respond to all student emails in a timely fashion, but please allow 48-72 hours for a response. The Professors do not respond to email on the weekends, starting Fridays at 4pm.

Assignment Deadlines:

All assignment deadlines are firm. Extensions will be granted only for good cause – such as a documented medical problem, and should whenever possible be arranged with the instructor beforehand. Travel arrangements are not good cause for an extension.

A grade penalty will be assessed for papers or assignments that are turned in late, equivalent to a loss of 10% of the total points of the assignment for each day late. Example: Lab assignments are graded on 100 points, so a lab assignment handed in 3 days late will lose 30 points (10% of 100=10 points x 3 days=30 points).

Assignments will be graded and returned within two weeks of submission, the Professor's other commitments permitting.

Office hours
Students are encouraged to visit Prof. Kassiola and Prof. Garcia-Castanon during office hours. If you cannot make it during their scheduled hours, please contact them for an appointment.

**Academic Integrity:**

Students are expected to complete all assignments on their own. Cheating or plagiarism will not be tolerated, and are grounds for failure in the course.

See these additional resources for dept, college and university policies regarding academic integrity:

**Dept. of Political Science:** [http://politicalscience.sfsu.edu/plagiarism-policy](http://politicalscience.sfsu.edu/plagiarism-policy)

**College of Liberal and Creative Arts:** [http://lca.sfsu.edu/pages/plagiarism-resources](http://lca.sfsu.edu/pages/plagiarism-resources)

**SFSU Office of Student Conduct:** [http://conduct.sfsu.edu/plagiarism](http://conduct.sfsu.edu/plagiarism)

**Grade Appeal Policies (for assignments only)**

Grade appeals are permitted through the following process:

1. Once assignments are returned, take 24 hours to assess the grade. DO NOT rush up to the Professor after getting your assignment back to appeal the grade. You must wait 24 hours AFTER the assignment is returned before the appeal may take place. Students may ask clarifying questions (ex: handwriting or feedback) or mathematical questions (ex: point calculation).

2. After the 24 hour waiting period, the grade appeal may be submitted for review. It must be typed and include specific challenges. Provide evidence that your response was correct, or that points taken off were incorrect or unjustified.

3. Schedule a meeting about the grade appeal with the Professor, or stop by office hours to discuss the appeal.

4. The Professor will evaluate the grade appeal. Please note that upon review, the Professor reserves the right to increase OR decrease the original grade if they deem appropriate.

**Deadlines and timelines for grade appeals:**

- Grade appeals are due no later than two weeks after the assignment is returned. Grade appeals after the two week period will not be accepted.
- Upon submission, grade appeals will be evaluated and returned within two weeks, the Professor's other commitments permitting.
Grade appeal decisions for assignments are final.

**Harrasment and disclosure policy**

SF State fosters a campus free of sexual violence including sexual harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and/or any form of sex or gender discrimination.

If you disclose a personal experience as an SF State student, the course instructor is required to notify the Dean of Students.

To disclose any such violence confidentially, contact: The SAFE Place - (415) 338-2208; http://www.sfsu.edu/~safe_plc/ Counseling and Psychological Services Center - (415) 338-2208; http://psyservs.sfsu.edu/ For more information on your rights and available resources: http://titleix.sfsu.edu

**Drops, withdrawals and WU grades**

Through the second week of classes, students may drop a class or faculty may drop students “who do not attend the first class meeting or do not meet the course criteria” as specified in the Bulletin.

Students are encouraged to drop before the end of the second week if they don’t want the class and no longer plan to attend. Students who do not drop and no longer attend may receive a WU grade (withdrawal-unauthorized). Please be aware that a WU grade is counted as an F for GPA purposes.

After the second week of classes, faculty may withdraw a student who requests to be withdrawn for serious and compelling reasons. Faculty members enter their approval of such withdrawals in web grades, where the proposed withdrawal will be reviewed at the program and college levels.

The Academic Senate passed several rules regarding withdrawals that may be helpful for students and can be located at the following website: Academic Senate policy on withdrawals

The LCA College policy on withdrawals and incomPLETES can be found at http://advisinglca.sfsu.edu/arc/withdrawal-policy

**Course Schedule**

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<td>8/30</td>
<td>CLASS 1.1: Introduction to course and overview of expectations. Presidential elections in the United States and the electoral college American Politics Explained and Assessed: What is the Electoral College? How and Why Do We Have It? What Are Its Strengths and Weaknesses? Can We Change It? To What?</td>
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Panelists:

- Professor Eva Sheppard Wolf (History)
- Professor Michael Loebs (PLSI)
- Professor Justin Peck (PLSI)
- Professor Martin Carcieri (PLSI)

9/6

CLASS 2.1:

Topic 1: The Economy: Minimum Wage; Federal Debt; Unemployment; Taxes; Income and Wealth Inequality; Equity for Women; Free/Fair/Smart Trade; Financialization and the Big Banks

Panelists:

- Professor Michael Bar (Economics)
- Professor Michael Potepan (Economics)
- Professor Donald Mar (Economics)
- Professor Benjamin Lozano (PLSI)

9/13

CLASS 3.1:


Panelists:

- Professor Belinda Reyes (Latina/Latino Studies)
- Professor James Quesada (Anthropology)
- Professor Valerie Francisco (Sociology)
- Professor Maria Ramirez (Sociology)

9/20

CLASS 4.1:

Topic 3: The Environment: Climate Change, Energy Policy, Pollution
9/27

CLASS 5.1:

Topic 4: Education: K-12; Pre-K; Common Core and Local Control; Higher Education; College Student Debt; College Costs

Panelists:

- Professor Josephine Arce (Early Childhood Education)
- Professor Allison Baroody (CAD)
- Professor Linda Platas (CAD)
- Professor Sheila Tully (Anthro; CFA Nominee)
- Student (Student Government Nominee)-TBD

10/4

CLASS 6.1:

Topic 5: Crime and the Criminal Justice System; Race in America; “Black Lives Matter;” Policing in America

Panelists:

- Professor Alexander Gerould (Criminal Justice)
- Professor Jeffrey Snipes (Criminal Justice)
- Professor Ken Walsh (Criminal Justice)
- Professor Elizabeth Brown (Criminal Justice)
- Professor Robert Smith (PLSI)
- Professor Martin Carcieri (PLSI)

Quiz #1 due by Friday, 10/7, at noon

10/11

CLASS 7.1:
Topic 6: Health Care: Costs; Affordable Care Act (“Obamacare”); Effectiveness; Outreach; Pharmaceutical Costs

Panelists:
- Professor Anoshua Chaudhuri (Economics)
- Professor Ramon Castelblanch (Health Education)
- Professor Emertia Debbie Leveen (Urban Studies)
- Professor Anthony Sparks (Urban Studies)

10/18  CLASS 8.1:

Topic 7: Terrorism and the new Global Politics: ISIS and Al-Qaeda (and offshoots); Military Preparedness; Domestic Threats and Privacy

Panelists:
- Professor Sanjoy Banerjee (IR)
- Professor Nicole Watts (PLSI)
- Professor Mahmood Monshipouri (IR)

10/25  CLASS 9.1:

Topic 8: The Middle East: Israel and the Palestinians, Syrian Civil War; Iran and Treaty with U.S.

Panelists:
- Professor Mahmood Monshipouri (IR)
- Professor Maziar Behrooz (History)
- Professor Eran Kaplan (Judaic Studies)
- Professor Rabab Abdulhabi (Ethnic Studies)
- Professor Lucia Volk (IR)
Topic 9: U.S. Foreign Affairs: Russia, China, Cuba and Latin America, and Africa

Quiz #2 due by Friday, 11/4, at noon

Panelists:

- Professor Andre Tsygankov (IR)
- Professor Anthony D’Agastino (History)
- Professor Aguibou Yansane (IR)
- Professor Juanita Darling (IR)
- Professor Kathleen Gordy (PLSI)
- Professor Qian Guo (Geography)
- Professor Sujian Guo (PLSI)

11/8  CLASS 11.1:

2016 Presidential results watch party

PLSI Panel of Reporters/Commentators:

- Professor Francis Neely
- Professor Justin Peck
- Professor Jason McDaniel
- Professor Marcela Garcia-Castanon

11/15  CLASS 12.1:

2016 Post-Presidential election analysis

Panelists:

- Professor Robert Smith (PLSI)
- Professor Emeritus Richard DeLeon (PLSI)
- Professor Emeritus David Tabb (PLSI)
- Professor Emeritus Rufus Browning (PLSI)
- Professor James Martel (PLSI)
- Professor Charles Postel (History)
• Professor Jason McDaniel (PLSI)
• Professor Francis Neely (PLSI)
• Professor Justin Peck (PLSI)

11/22  NO CLASS-FALL BREAK-NO CLASS

11/29  CLASS 14.1:

Topic 10: New administration: Domestic Policy, Officials and Administration

Panelists:

• Professor Sheldon Gen (MPA)
• Professor Genie Stowers (MPA)

12/6  Class 15.1:

Topic 11: The New Administration: Foreign Policy, Officials, and Administration

Panelists

• Professor Sophie Clavier (Liberal and Creative Arts Associate Dean, IR)
• Professor Amy Skonieczny (IR)
• Professor Andre Tsygankov (IR)
• Professor Anthony D’Agastino (History)
• Professor Mahmood Monshipouri (IR)
• Professor Sanjoy Banerjee (IR)

12/13  CLASS 16.1:

Citizenship beyond elections: community involvement and political engagement

• Representatives from various internship and off-campus participation opportunities

Quiz #3 due by Friday, 12/16, at noon