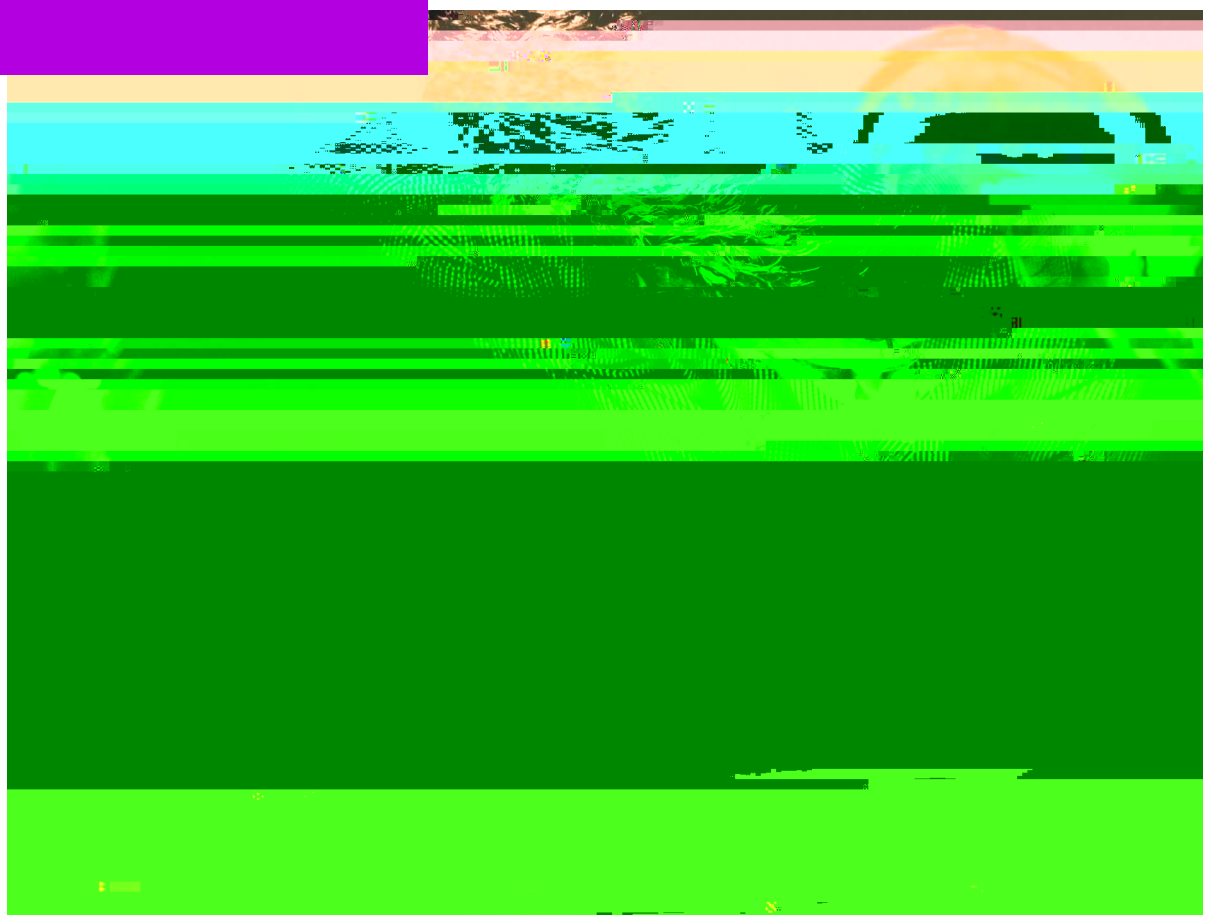

ARTS3822

The Art of Political Science

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Course Overview

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Summary

Course Details

Credit Points 6

Summary of the Course

Subject Area: *Nmjgrgaq _ Ib G Ircp I _rgm I _j Pcj_rgm Iq*

The systematic study of politics has a long history, stretching back some two and a half thousand years to the ancient Greeks. Over the last century, however, it has become institutionalised and professionalised and, as the disciplinary name Political Science suggests, has sought to put the study of politics on a footing comparable to the aims, methods, and conventions presumed integral to the natural sciences. Yet the possibility, desirability, and even meaning of a “science of politics” are controversial issues. This course examines fundamental questions about what political knowledge is and how it is acquired. In the first weeks, you will explore in a general way what it might mean to be a “student of

engagement with different tasks that cannot be undertaken in a classroom environment, such as conducting online research or watching a film. These activities are clearly explained on Moodle (the University LMS) and will mostly be facilitated by it. This blended mode of delivery both increases your flexibility, as you can complete preparatory activities at a time that suits you, and deepens engagement, as you will arrive in the classroom well-prepared and able to undertake complex, problem-based, learning activities in the face-to-face classes.

Assessment

Assessment Tasks

Assessment task	Weight	Due Date	Student Learning Outcomes Assessed
Research design	15%	20/06/2020 05:00 PM	1,4
Literature review essay	35%	18/07/2020 05:00 PM	1,3
Research Essay	50%	15/08/2020 04:41 PM	2,3

Assessment Details

Assessment 1: Research design

Start date: Not Applicable

Length: 500 words

Details:

Choose a topic of research and an approach covered in the course. Draw up a research design (500 words) that has at least the following components: research question, theoretical context, methodology, research tactics and steps. You will receive written feedback and a numerical grade within two weeks of submission through Moodle.

Turnitin setting: This is not a Turnitin assignment

Assessment 2: Literature review essay

Start date: Not Applicable

Length: 1000 words

Details:

Students are to write a 1000-word to review the relevant academic literature for their final research paper.

Turnitin setting: This assignment is submitted through Turnitin and students can see Turnitin similarity reports.

Assessment 3: Research Essay

Start date: Not Applicable

Details:

The essay requires you to demonstrate engagement with the core themes and issues raised in the course and your ability to operationalize a research idea. The word length of the essay is 3000 words. You will receive written feedback, a completed rubric, and a numerical grade within two weeks of submission through Moodle. This is the final assessment of the course.

Turnitin setting: This assignment is submitted through Turnitin and students can see Turnitin similarity reports.

Attendance Requirements

Students are strongly encouraged to attend all classes and review lecture recordings.

Course Schedule

View class timetable

Timetable

Date	Type	Content
Week 1: 1 June - 5 June	Seminar	Course introduction and what is the art of political science?
	Online Activity	
Week 2: 8 June - 12 June	Seminar	Normative studies of politics
	Online Activity	
Week 3: 15 June - 19 June	Seminar	Formal studies of politics
	Online Activity	
Week 4: 22 June - 26 June	Seminar	Empirical studies of politics 1: discourse, meaning, culture and more
	Online Activity	
Week 5: 29 June - 3 July	Seminar	Empirical studies of politics 2: behaviour
	Online Activity	
Week 6: 6 July - 10 July		Flexible week
Week 7: 13 July - 17 July	Seminar	Empirical studies of politics 3: structure
	Online Activity	
Week 8: 20 July - 24 July	Seminar	Empirical studies of politics 4: institution
	Online Activity	
Week 9: 27 July - 31 July	Seminar	Empirical studies of politics 5: the comparative logic
	Online Activity	
Week 10: 3 August - 7 August	Seminar	The art of political science: your own practice
	Online Activity	

Resources

Prescribed Resources

All resources will be made available via Moodle.

Recommended Resources

Not available

Course Evaluation and Development

Submission of Assessment Tasks

Turnitin Submission

If you encounter a problem when attempting to submit your assignment through Turnitin, please telephone External Support on 9385 3331 or email them on externalteltsupport@unsw.edu.au . Support hours are 8:00am – 10:00pm on weekdays and 9:00am – 5:00pm on weekends (365 days a year). If you are unable to submit your assignment due to a fault with Turnitin you may apply for an extension, but you must retain your ticket number from External Support (along with any other relevant documents) to include as evidence to support your extension application. If you email External Support you will automatically receive a ticket number, but if you telephone you will need to specifically ask for one. Turnitin also provides updates on their system status on Twitter.

Generally, assessment tasks must be submitted electronically via either Turnitin or a Moodle assignment. In instances where this is not possible, it will be stated on your course's Moodle site with alternative submission details.

For information on how to submit assignments online via Moodle: https://student.unsw.edu.au/how-submit-assignment-moodle

Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of others and presenting them as your own. It can take many forms, from deliberate cheating to accidentally copying from a source without acknowledgement.

UNSW groups plagiarism into the following categories:

- understand your rights and responsibilities as a student at UNSW
- be aware of plagiarism, copyright, UNSW Student Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use of UNSW ICT Resources Policy
- be aware of the standards of behaviour expected of everyone in the UNSW community
- locate services and information about UNSW and UNSW Library

Some of these areas will be familiar to you, others will be new. Gaining a solid understanding of all the related aspects of ELISE will help you make the most of your studies at UNSW.
http://subjectguides.library.unsw.edu.au/elise/aboutelise