

Principles of Government

Ms. RODRIGUEZ

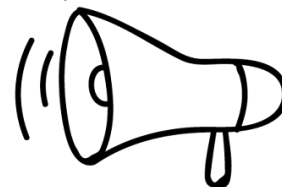


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✦ E-mail is the fastest way to communicate with me!

Announcements:

Stay in the loop by joining our class Remind using this code:
 @prinofgov3



Tutorials

Where: Rm 111
 Afternoon: Mondays 3:30 - 5:00 PM
 Lunch: Everyday



There are no morning tutorials



Grade Scale

Letter Grade	Semester Average	GPA Points
A	89.5 - 100	4.0
B	79.5 - 89.4	3.0
C	74.5 - 79.4	2.0
D	69.5 - 74.4	1.0
F	< 69.5	0.0

Grades:

50%
Formative Assessments

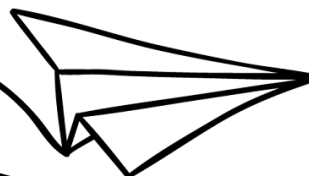
40%
Summative Assessments

10%
Professionalism

*Students and parents are encouraged to check HISD Connect weekly. Missing assignments will be updated each Monday with the orange square designation



OUR SEMESTER AT A GLANCE



Cycle 1 (30%):
Communication and Professionalism

Simulation: School Policy Debates

Written Submission: School policy argument



Cycle 2 (30%):
Legislative Branch

Simulation: Mock Congress

Written Submission: Bill and/or Proposal

Cycle 3 (30%):
Executive Branch

Simulation: See Final Exam

Written Submission: Memo

Final Exam (10%):
 Mock Cabinet Meeting



Rules, Expectations, & Classroom Policies

Class Material

- Come prepared with your notebook, planner, **CHARGED** laptop, and writing utensils.
- Bring **headphones** everyday.
- Laptops will be used nearly **every day** so make sure it is charged and working properly.
- Lacking access to a computer is **not an excuse** for incomplete/missing work.
- Classrooms on campus can be cold - make sure to dress appropriately by **wearing layers**.

Late Work

- **1 week late:** Max score of 80%
- **2 weeks late:** Max score of 30%
- **No assignment** will be accepted more than **two weeks** after the original deadline
- **No late assignment** will be accepted the last week of the cycle
- Late work must be submitted in the original location AND an email must be sent to Ms. Rodriguez in order to get the grade

★ No email, no grade!

YES!

NOPE

Late work will be entered in the gradebook when I get to it. DO NOT repeatedly ask me to enter it 5 minutes after you turn it in.

Ethics & Violations of Academic Integrity

- Students are expected to understand, and adhere to, the school's academic integrity policy.
- Penalties for violating the policy can include **failure of the assignment, failure of the course, or other penalties as determined by the school**.
- For more information about academic integrity please consult the HAIS Student Handbook.

Absences

- Students must contact Ms. Rodriguez for information about the day's assignments and/or lecture notes.
- If work was due the day you were gone, it is **STILL** due **THAT DAY** unless you communicated to Ms. Rodriguez and received a different response.

Extra Credit

Extra credit opportunities will be posted on the Hub when they arise. **DO NOT** ask for it

Retakes

Formative assessments and written assignments:

Re-takes must be submitted one week before the end of the cycle and an email must be sent to Ms. Rodriguez in order to take advantage of this opportunity.

- ★ Due to the nature of **simulations** being collaborative, **simulation grades cannot be changed nor be re-taken**. Students may schedule an appointment with Ms. Rodriguez during tutorials to learn how they could improve in the next simulation.

Assignments Explained

Formative Assessment: Assess **ONE** skill or concept to see knowledge being **FORMED**.

Summative Assessment: Assess **MULTIPLE** skills or concepts to **SUMMARIZE** knowledge learned.

Professionalism: Reflects student's mastery of soft skills needed for future careers.

1. **Not all** assignments will be **graded for accuracy**. Some will be used for student learning, practice, and opportunities for growth.
2. Students will have **two graded assignments each week** - these can be in any grading category.

Disclaimer: This syllabus can be changed throughout the year