

Principles of Government

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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



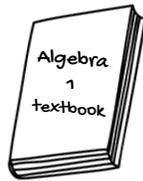
There are no morning tutorials

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

Supplies:

spiral notebook
 blue/black pens
 planner
 laptop
 Laptop charger



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

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.

★ No email, no grade!

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