

SYLLABUS PART II
EDISON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PLS 121S
American National Government
3 CREDIT HOURS

Section/Term: PLS 121-802US

Class Meeting Time: Online

Location: Online

Required items: Bianco, William and David Canon, American Politics Today: 8th Essentials Election Edition. Pearson, 2025. **With Inquizitive.**

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Faculty Contact: If you have questions or concerns, please contact me via email with the course name and number in the subject line (PLS 121-802US) through your Edison State email.

Class Policies

It is generally accepted that academic writing and assignments consists of the author's thoughts which are supported by properly cited sources through paraphrasing, summary, and quotations. At the instructor's discretion, papers with excessive quotations, where quotations make up 10% or more of the paper, may not meet the assignment requirements, and be dealt with accordingly.

Netiquette:

We will be communicating a lot with each other. You will need to be respectful of the instructor and each other. Your classmates' ideas and beliefs may differ from your own, be polite! When in doubt, you can agree to disagree. You will be expected to communicate with your classmates and your instructor using appropriate language and style, which includes written/typed communication. Remember: the way you communicate can reflect the level of respect you have the people with whom you communicate. You will want to practice good e-mail

etiquette when typing questions/responses to the instructor and classmates, such as avoiding using all caps when typing or using an accusatory tone.

Communication Policy:

E-mails sent to me by 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday with course name and section number (PLS 121-802US in the subject line from your Edison e-mail will be answered within 48 hours unless the school is closed (breaks/holidays).

Assignments submitted through course messages or e-mail will not be accepted for a grade without prior written authorization from the instructor. If you are given permission to submit via e-mail, it must be submitted through your Edison e-mail.

Late Work:

All work should be submitted on time. I reserve the right to make exceptions due to extreme circumstances at my discretion. *Any extension given for extreme circumstances will require documentation submitted to the instructor.

Testing Your Faith Act Policy:

Edison State Community College is committed to providing an environment respectful of students' beliefs. Students are permitted to be absent for up to 3 days each semester based on their faith, religion, or spiritual belief system with no academic penalty. Students must complete the Testing Your Faith Act Accommodations Form, <https://www.edisonohio.edu/services-support/registration-records>, located in "Forms" and provide a copy to their individual faculty within 14 days from the start of the course. The entire policy can be found in the student handbook at <https://www.edisonohio.edu/services-support/student-resources>.

Academic Integrity:

Edison Community College expects students to submit original work for each assignment. The Student Handbook <https://www.edisonohio.edu/digipub/StudentHandbook/index.html>, pages 28-29 clearly defines academic dishonesty and how Edison handles cases of academic dishonesty. Using peer support and tutoring services is not considered academic dishonesty, as long as the work is original and in your own voice, meaning you didn't submit work you did previously or "borrow" words/ideas without crediting the source. The same policy goes for AI-generated text. For example, you may use predictive text to fix spelling errors. You may not tell an AI software to write a critique of an essay for you and copy/paste the text. Any use of AI (outside of spell-checker) must be approved by the instructor and noted with the following at the bottom of the assignment:

“The author generated this text in part with <insert name/URL of AI platform>. Upon generating draft language, the author reviewed, edited, and revised the language to their own liking and takes ultimate responsibility for the content of this submission.”

Any assignment exhibiting the use of AI without permission and crediting the source will be counted as plagiarism. Any assignment that is plagiarized (whether intentional or unintentional) or lacks appropriate citations will automatically receive a failing grade. Intentional submission of someone else’s work as your own will result in automatic failure of the assignment and/or for the course. Whereas, assignments that simply fail to cite in MLA/APA format will have points deducted accordingly

Technical Support

For Blackboard Assignment issues, the Instructor should be the first point of contact

For Log-in or other technology issues:

There are several steps you can follow if you have issues logging in to Blackboard or Office. During business hours:

Password reset: Log onto office.com with your Edison email and follow the “forgot password” prompts.

Reach out for help during regular business hours (9-5 Monday-Thursday, 9-4 Friday)

email to support@edisonohio.edu

call 937-778-8600 and ask for IT Help Desk After hours:

Password reset: Log onto office.com with your Edison email and follow the “forgot password” prompts

Go to www.edisonohio.edu into the Resources tab and click "IT Help Desk" then click "Chat".

Call 937-778-7957 and talk to the off-campus Blackboard company to get help.

Grading

Syllabus Quiz	7 points
Introduction Discussion Board	10 points
How To Inquizitives (2 x 9)	10 points
Inquizitives (15 x 17 points)	255 points
Chapter 1 Assignment	15 points
Chapter 2 & 3 Questions	15 points
Civil Rights & Civil Liberties Assignment	100 points
Political Ad Project	50 points
Political Parties Presentation and Discussion Board	100 points
Bureaucracy Assignment	100 points
Bill Assignment	30 points
President Discussion Board	50 points
Policy Analysis Assignment	100 points
Chapter Quizzes (9 x 20 points)	180 points
Total	1,030 points

Grading Scale*

A = 927-1030 points, 90% – 100%
B = 824-926 points, 80% – 89%
C = 721-823 points, 70% – 79%
D = 618-720 points, 60% – 69%
F = 617 points and below, 59% and below

Class Schedule

*Assignments are due at 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday and Sundays

*Except for Week 8- Assignments Due Wednesday and Saturday

Week 1: 6/8-6/14

Assignments Due 6/1 –How to Inquizitives, Introduction Discussion Board,
Syllabus Quiz, Readings: Chapters 1 & 2

Assignments Due 6/14- Chapter 1 Inquizitive, Chapter 2 Inquizitive, Chapter 1
Assignment, Chapter 1 & 2 Quiz

Week 2: 6/15-6/21

Assignments Due 6/17 – Chapter 3 Inquizitive, Chapter 2 & 3 Questions,
Readings: Chapters 3 & 4

Assignments Due 6/21: - Chapter 4 Inquizitive, Chapter 3 Quiz

Week 3: 6/22-6/28

Assignments Due 6/24 – Chapter 5 Inquizitive, Political Ads Assignment,
Readings: Chapters 5

Assignments Due 6/28 – Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Assignments, Chapter 4
& 5 Quiz

Week 4: 6/29-7/5

Assignments Due July 1 – Chapter 6 & 7 Inquizitives, Readings: Chapters 6 & 7

Assignments Due July 5 – Political Parties Assignment, Chapter 6 Quiz

Week 5: 7/6-7/12

Assignments Due July 8 – Chapter 8 Inquizitive, Chapter 7 & 8 Quiz, Readings:
Chapters 8 & 9

Assignments Due July 12 – Chapter 9 Inquizitive, Bill Assignment, Chapter 9 Quiz

Week 6: 7/13- 7/19

Assignments Due July 15 – Chapter 10 & 11 Inquizitives, Readings: Chapters 10
& 11

Assignments Due July 19 – President Discussion Board, Chapter 10 & 11 Quiz

Week 7: 7/20-7/26

Assignments Due July 22 – Chapters 12 & 13 Inquizitives, Readings: Chapters 12 & 13

Assignments Due July 26- Chapter 12 & 13 Quiz, Bureaucracy Assignment

Week 8: 7/27- 8/1

Assignments Due July 29 – Chapters 14 & 15 Inquizitives, Readings: Chapters 14 & 15

Assignments Due August 1 – Chapters 14 & 15 Quiz, Policy Analysis Assignment