POS 100: POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE
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Course description

The course is a study of institutions, actors, powers and limits of the Philippine government. It looks at the processes of governance, particularly the interplay of state and non-state actors in rule making. The course highlights theories that make sense of change and continuities in Philippine governance, as well as the spaces for citizen participation such as elections and local governance.

Expected learning outcomes

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

Knowledge
a. Demonstrate a basic grasp of the issues of Philippine politics and governance;
b. Understand, apply and evaluate theories and concepts on the structures, institutions, processes of rule-making, rule enforcing and rule adjudicating processes and of the basic state and citizen relations in governance;

Skills

c. Critically assess theories and practices across different contexts and fields of Philippine politics; and

Attitudes

d. Integrate the course with one's own field of discipline as basis for pursuing a positive and pro-active political life as citizens and professionals.

Course outline, schedule, and texts

Week 1 – General orientation and introductory lecture

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1 The praxis component of the Casa Bayanihan program is an integral part of the course as it serves as an avenue for enriching and deepening learning. The course essay and presentation will be based on the students’ praxis experiences.
Week 2 – Orientation to POS 100

Week 3 – Politics and Power


Weeks 4 – The Modern (Nation- )State


Week 5 – Globalization


Week 6 – Democracy


Week 7 – Development
(Immersion in Calatagan, Batangas)


Week 8 – The Philippine Democratic State I: Historical Underpinnings


Week 9 – Long Exam

Week 10 – Break

Weeks 11 and 12 – Philippine Democratic State II: Critical Analyses


Week 13 – Philippine Democratic State IIIa: National-level Dynamics


Week 14 – Philippine Democratic State IIIb: Sub-national-level Dynamics


Ateneo de Manila University Department of Political Science, Quezon City: Ateneo de Manila University Press, 2010.


Weeks 15, and 16 – Philippine Democracy IV: Issues and challenges


Week 17 – Submission of Course Essay

Supplementary texts


**Assessment and course requirements**

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**Grading system**

- A (Excellent) - 92-100
- B+ (Very Good) - 87-91
- B (Good) - 83-86
- C+ (Satisfactory) - 79-82
- C (Fair) - 75-78
- D (Passing) - 70-74
- F (Failure) - 69 and below

**Classroom policies**

1. Attendance will be checked during each meeting after the second bell. Students who arrive after their names have been called twice will be marked late. The Ateneo de Manila University's policy on overcuts will be strictly enforced (that is, for a three-hour, once-a-week regular semester class, the maximum number of cuts is three (3); on the 4th cut the student will get a W). No make-up papers for quizzes or activities missed due to an unexcused absence. Excused absences include the following: hospitalization (with medical certificate), official school activity (competition, conference with letter from coach or ADAA or home department).

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\(^2\) Includes recitations, reflections, and other in-class work and activities.

\(^3\) A quiz on a particular topic will be given only after the said topic is assigned or discussed in class.

\(^4\) A written and sit down exam of assigned readings designed to evaluate understanding of theories and concepts and to test critical analysis skills (or reasoning and argumentation skills) of students.

\(^5\) Can be linked to Social Analysis, or to Fine Arts via political analysis with performance/exhibit. The mechanics will be discussed/negotiated in class.

\(^6\) The rules for rounding up grades are as follows: If the tenths digit is less than 5, the grade remains the same; if the tenths digit is greater than 5, the grade is rounded up to the nearest unit; if the tenths digit is 5 and the digit preceding it is odd, the grade remains the same; if the tenths digit is 5 and the digit preceding it is even (including zero), the grade is rounded up to the nearest unit.
2. If the teacher is not in class at the prescribed time, the students should wait quietly inside the classroom for 10 minutes. If the teacher is still absent after this time, the students may consider themselves dismissed. However, if the class is notified, through the class beadle, of the teacher’s time of arrival, the students are obliged to wait until the time designated. If the teacher fails to arrive at the appointed time, the students may consider themselves dismissed.

3. In case classes are cancelled without prior notice (e.g., due to inclement weather), students should check their respective class's electronic mail group and/or the Department of Political Science bulletin board for any messages regarding the assignment for the next meeting.

4. Behavior that prevents or disrupts the process of learning is unacceptable. The teacher has the discretion to send a student out of the classroom for unacceptable behavior; in such a case, the student will be penalized with a cut.

5. The university rules and policies concerning academic dishonesty (e.g., plagiarism, cheating in exams, etc.), among others, will be enforced strictly.