

Dear American Public Policy Student:

Welcome to Political Science 310: American Public Policy. Whether or not you are a political science major, I hope that you will find this course helpful in understanding how policy is created in America and current policy debates.

The syllabus for the course is on Moodle and the additional course webpage. **Read it. All of it.** Since you will not have me in an actual classroom to explain expectations and requirements, it is absolutely essential that you take the time to read the syllabus and understand what is expected of you in this course. Should you still have any questions on these matters, you may find the answer on the course webpage (<http://faculty.chass.ncsu.edu/shgreene/PS310delta>) and/or Moodle page. Do not hesitate to contact me with questions regarding the syllabus or any other matter in this course.

Although you are not taking this course in the classroom, you are just as much my students as those who will be in the room with me this semester. If you have questions, comments, concerns, etc., please bring them to me. If something you see in one of the lectures does not make sense, please feel free to call or email me to discuss it. My contact information is on the syllabus. In general, I respond to email very efficiently, telephone messages, less so. If you are in the area, you are also welcome to come by my office during my office hours to discuss matters with me. If you do plan on coming to my office, please let me know so that I can assure that I will be here.

Since we will not be meeting in regular classroom sessions, this course will require some discipline on your part. I do not believe in busy work, so it will be up to you to ensure that you watch all the necessary lectures before the deadline for each exam. You can see the syllabus and the webpage for more information on Moodle-based testing. I do expect you to keep up with current events every week and share your thoughts on the course in the on-line discussion forum. You are most likely to be successful if you treat this course as much as possible like an on-campus course—i.e., schedule regular times to watch the lectures, take careful notes, etc. I *will not* be sending out regular reminders—it is up to you to make sure you are taking exams and turning in the paper by the due dates (if this is an issue for you, I highly recommend using google calendar or a similar tool to schedule yourself due date reminders).

This course requires substantial on-line readings. The on-line readings are available via NCSU Libraries website. Finally, I expect you to read a major national newspaper every day. Both the New York Times and the Washington Post are available free and/or low-cost and provide the most accurate and comprehensive coverage of domestic public policy and related politics.

The video lectures were recorded during Fall 2025. I have tried to teach in a way such that the vast majority of the lecture material is still relevant. Where there have been important changes in public policy, I have updated the course readings to reflect this. If you have any questions/confusion about things that may have changed, please contact me!

I hope you find this course useful and interesting. Good luck!

Sincerely,



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