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Dear Student:

Welcome to PS 301, I am very pleased that you have decided to take this course. Please find on this website a syllabus, instructions for your three paper assignments, instructions for the biography of a member of Congress assignment, and instructions for the political science project proposal. The books for the course are available from NCSU’s bookstore. The podcasts can be downloaded by following a link from the course website.

Please read the syllabus and assignments carefully. For the final examination you will be asked to identify and analyze 20 concepts/terms from the entire semester’s material. The final will be e-mailed on August 4. Please make sure that you observe all assignment deadlines.

There is no requirement for you to come to campus. This does not mean, however, that you should think I am unavailable to you. Please feel free to contact me at any time. My phone number is (919) 515-8618 (I have voice mail if I am not in the office) and my fax number is (919) 515-7333. My e-mail address is: andrew_taylor@ncsu.edu. If you would ever like to meet face-to-face, please do not hesitate to contact me and we can arrange a meeting. I also have regular office hours.

I have a web site. The address is: http://faculty.chass.ncsu.edu/taylor. On the site, you will find links to all of the assignments for this class. Click on the Courses link and then click on PS 301 for Distance Education. The actual URL is: http://social.chass.ncsu.edu/taylor/301dvdcable.htm

I hope that you will enjoy the course. It is important that you watch the lectures on a regular basis. If you do not do this, it will be very difficult for you to complete the assignments in a timely way.

Again, welcome to the course.

Sincerely yours,

(Andrew J. Taylor, Ph.D.,
Professor and Chair, Political Science)