| Course Title(Code) | LAS 103-2 Introduction to Political Science | Instructor(s) | Sunghee Cho |
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| Class Style | Lecture | Office Hours | Tuesdays 3:00-4:00 & Thursdays 10:00-12:00 |
| Track | Liberal Arts | Mode of Instruction | Solo |
| Credits | 2 | Allocated Year | Spring, 2022, 1st year |
| Active Learning | Category 4-(1): Interactive Lectures | Compulsory or Elective  |  |
| Course Overview | This course introduces a variety of approaches to political science and political thinking. The course covers major political issues of contemporary societies at the local, national, and global level and introduces key concepts and themes of the major subfields of political science. Active, co-operative learning methods will be used to think about and understand political science. Pair and group work will be used to help students develop an understanding of course materials and practice the language. Students will share ideas and opinions through games, projects, and various tasks in addition to discussion. |
| Course Objectives | By the end of the course, students will be able to…CONTENT* Analyze power, interests, and collective action.
* Demonstrate political theory, comparative politics, international relations, and political economy orally and through writing.

LANGUAGE* Employ general and specialist vocabulary necessary to do the above.
* Write concise paragraphs that clearly and logically demonstrate understanding and analysis of key concepts covered in the course.
* Explain in English (orally) key concepts covered in the course.

CRITICAL THINKING* Critically analyze key political concepts and the practice of politics based on information presented in the course and through out-of-class research.
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| Prerequisite | N/A |
| **Course** **Schedule** | No | Contents | Homework |
| 1 | Introduction: The Introduction of Syllabus, Course, and the Instructor & Students  | Do vocabulary section of Lesson 1 worksheet and read syllabus |
| 2 | What Is Political Science? Lesson 1 Politics & Interests | Do Lesson 1 worksheet |
| 3 | What Is Political Science? Lesson 1 Politics & Interests  | Do last section of Lesson 1 worksheet  |
| 4 | What Is Political Science? Lesson 1 Politics & Interests, and Lesson 2 Politics & Power | 1) Complete entire Lesson 1 worksheet for submission2) Do vocabulary section of Lesson 2 worksheet |
| 5 | What Is Political Science? Lesson 2 Politics & Power | Do Lesson 2 worksheet |
| 6 | What Is Political Science? Lesson 2 Politics & Power, and Lesson 3 Politics & Collective Action | 1) Complete entire Lesson 2 worksheet for submission2) Do vocabulary section of Lesson 3 worksheet |
| 7 | What Is Political Science? Lesson 3 Politics & Collective Action | Do Lesson 3 worksheet |
| 8 | Review Lesson 3 Politics & Collective ActionMidterm Exam | Record your oral answer |
| 9 | Understanding Political Systems: Lesson 4 The Development of the Modern State | 1) Complete entire Lesson 3 worksheet for submission2) Do vocabulary section of Lesson 4 worksheet |
| 10 | Understanding Political Systems: Lesson 4 The Development of the Modern State | Do Lesson 4 worksheet |
| 11 | Understanding Political Systems: Lesson 4 The Development of the Modern State | 1) Complete entire Lesson 4 worksheet for submission2) Do vocabulary section of Lesson 5 worksheet |
| 12 | Understanding Political Systems: Lesson 5 Modern Democracy | Do Lesson 5 worksheet |
| 13 | Understanding Political Systems: Lesson 5 Modern Democracy | Submit poster presentation script by email |
| 14 | Understanding Political Systems: Lesson 5 Modern Democracy | Complete entire Lesson 5 worksheet for submission |
| 15 | Poster Presentations | Preparation for the final exam |
| Grading | Grades will be determined by: 1. Worksheet homework (30%)
2. Midterm exam (20%)
3. Final exam (25%)
4. Two Video Recordings (10%)
5. Poster Presentation (15%)
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| Textbooks | There is no required textbook for this course. Handouts will be provided by the instructor. Bring a folder to keep these handouts and prepare for notetaking (a notebook and pens/pencils). |
| References |  |
| NOTES | I retain the right to modify the syllabus as necessary as the semester unfolds. |