Dear Student,

Please read the following course syllabus carefully, especially the course dates, times and location. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to communicate with the IDEAL office, your academic advisor, or the instructor.

The IDEAL degree-completion program is designed with the adult learner in mind. Adult learners approach learning with specific goals, want to be able to directly apply new learning to their work and personal lives, and tend to learn best when the coursework is problem-centered so that they are actively engaged in the learning process. In addition, adults bring rich and varied experience to the classroom, which becomes a valuable learning resource for other students.

The IDEAL Program assumes joint responsibility in the learning process. The activities and assignments in our classes build on the shared experience of all learners in each class. This is why each student's preparation, participation and interaction in class activities and discussions are critical to the success of each course. The accelerated format of each course requires a significant amount of time outside the classroom to prepare for and complete the course assignments. This varies between students and courses; however, students typically spend a minimum of ten-twelve hours per week on course material.

To participate in the IDEAL Program, it is expected that you will do the following:

1. Attend every class session. Be on time.
2. Obtain the required course materials prior to the first class session.
3. Complete the first assignment prior to the first class session and all subsequent assignments to the best of your ability.
4. Participate in the class discussions and demonstrate respect and consideration to the instructor and other students when they express themselves in discussion.

If you cannot perform these four expectations, it is recommended that you drop the course.

Missing one class session will drop the final grade by one letter grade (for example if the student earned a grade of "B" in the course, the final grade would be a "C"). If a student misses two or more classes a grade of F will be entered as their final grade.

Cheating and Plagiarism

It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with and adhere to the standards set forth in the policies on cheating and plagiarism as defined in Chapters 2 and 5 of the Key to UB http://www.bridgeport.edu/pages/2623.asp or the appropriate graduate program handbook.
E-mail correspondence

It is imperative that you check your UB e-mail on a regular basis. All written correspondence, to include IDEAL and the University, will be sent to you through his e-mail. The University can no longer correspond to your personal e-mail account(s).

Ethics Statement of Confidentiality

An integral component of an IDEAL course is student and faculty expression of personal experiences for the purpose of facilitating coursework. Students enrolled in the program are expected to honor confidentiality as it pertains to student disclosure. Shared information, comments, or opinions expressed by another student or the faculty member during the course of classroom discussion should never be used in a manner which is intended to humiliate, embarrass, harass, damage, or otherwise injure other students in their personal, public, or business lives. In addition, confidentiality must be upheld by not disclosing any information that would identify any particular individual.

The IDEAL Program

PSCI 101 AMERICAN GOVERNMENT
Summer 2015
Tuesdays – May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2
6:00-10:00pm
Bridgeport Campus
Instructor: Christina Gunther
Email: cgunther@bridgeport.edu

Required Textbook

Government By The People, David B. Magleby, Paul C. Light, Christine L. Nemacheck 2015
ISBN-10: 0-205-82845-0

Course Requirements

Your final grade will be based on the following:

I. Class Participation 20% (All students are expected to participate in class discussions. All students will be called on in class to answer questions.)

2. Written responses to discussion questions. 40% (Discussion questions for each class session are included below. Typed written responses to the questions are due before each class and should be uploaded in CANVAS. The response to each question should be 3-5 paragraphs. Late responses will not be accepted. Keep a copy to assist in class discussions.)
3. Quizzes and cumulative final quiz 40% (At least one quiz will be given during each class. The final quiz given at the end of the last class session will be longer and will include questions from the previous quizzes.)

**Reading Assignments and Discussion Questions**

**Week 1 (complete this reading before class on May 5th)**

Government By The People pp. 3-75.

Written responses to these questions are due before class. Upload to CANVAS.

1. How did the Mayflower Compact come about? Why was the situation so unique in terms of the history of political systems?

2. What are the five core values of America listed on pp. 4-5 of the textbook? Briefly explain them and discuss whether you believe these are truly core values of America.

3. What is "judicial review"? Why is it so significant? How did the Marbury case establish judicial review?

4. Explain how the Constitution dealt with slavery. Your answer should discuss the references to slavery found in the following provisions in the Constitution: Art. I, sec. 2; Art. I, Sec. 9; and Art. IV, Sec. 2. How do you feel about the way that slavery was dealt with in the Constitution?

5. Identify three issues the United States faces today that the founders could not have foreseen. Discuss briefly how the Constitution is relevant to these issues.

**Week 2 (complete this reading before class on May 12th)**

Government By The People pp. 76-101

Written responses to these questions are due before class. Upload to CANVAS.

**Week 3 (complete this reading before class on May 19th)**

Government By The People pp. 296-349

Written responses to these questions are due before class. Upload to CANVAS.

**Week 4 (complete this reading before class on May 26th)**

Government By The People pp. 351-397

Written responses to these questions are due before class. Upload to CANVAS.

**Week 5 (complete this reading before class on June 2nd)**

Government By The People pp. 398-455

Written responses to these questions are due before class. Upload to CANVAS.
ACADEMIC POLICIES

Attendance Policy

Classroom attendance is an integral part of the academic experience; therefore, students are expected to attend all class sessions. If an absence is unavoidable, the student, prior to class, should advise the instructor. Arrangements should be made at that time for additional assignments if appropriate. It is also expected that students arrive on time and not leave until the class is dismissed. Tardiness will result in a reduced grade for the course. *If you cannot attend every class, you should consider dropping the course.*

**IMPORTANT:**

- **Missing one class session will drop the final grade by one letter grade (for example if the student earned a grade of "B" in the course, the final grade would be a "C").**
- **Missing two or more class sessions will be cause for a failing grade.**

Incomplete grade

An incomplete may be given, at the discretion of the instructor, to those students who fail to complete assignments due the last day of your course. These would include absence from a final examination or inability to complete terminal assignments (papers, presentations) due to illness, employment conflicts, etc.

Incompletes will not be given to a student who fails to complete any assignment during the term. At the discretion of the instructor, these assignments could be completed no later than the last scheduled day of your class.

Drop Procedures

To drop a course, you must complete and submit a Schedule Change Request Form. The form can be accessed at the following web page:

http://www.bridgeport.edu/pages/2595.asp

Starting Fall 2012:

Add and/or Drop a course after the start date ............ $30.00 per transaction

Drop prior to the start of classes ............................... 100% Tuition Refund

Drop prior to the second class session ......................... 75% Tuition Refund

Drop prior to the third class session ............................. 50% Tuition Refund

Drop after the third class session .............................. 0% Tuition Refund

**Please note students will not be automatically dropped for missing the first class. Missing one class session will drop the final grade by one letter grade. If you have to miss the first class, or the
first week of class for online classes, you must contact your instructor in writing before or after the first class/first week, however, a grade reduction will apply.

Please print and complete the form and fax the form to the IDEAL Office: 203-576-4537. Prior to dropping a course, the student should contact their IDEAL Academic Advisor to understand the implications to financial aid and/or degree plan progress.

Please review the Academic Calendar to see the fees for a drop and the impact on tuition. The Academic Calendar can be found at: http://www.bridgeport.edu/pages/2595.asp

Cell Phones

Cell phones must be turned off while in the classroom. A cell phone call is disruptive and disrespectful to the other students in the class.

Academic Dishonesty

We are committed to intellectual integrity in our academic pursuits; therefore, the IDEAL program prohibits all forms of academic dishonesty. Academic dishonesty is normally defined as, but not limited to, the following two categories:

Cheating - Using inappropriate sources of information in an assignment or on a test.

Plagiarism - Intentional as well as unintentional failure to acknowledge sources as well as the use of commercially available so-called "research papers" without full recognition of the source. Presenting as one's own the ideas, words, or products of another is considered plagiarism.

All assignments uploaded to CANVAS are subject to the TurnItIn plagiarism checker. Be sure to check your score and revise your work if necessary!

Academic dishonesty applies to all courses, assignments or exams completed by students and submitted as their own original work, whether in person or by electronic means. The University does not tolerate cheating in any form. It is a serious breach of conduct with serious consequences. Instructors have the right to determine the appropriate penalty for academic dishonesty in their own classes; generally, however, such acts will result in a failing grade for the assignment and/or the course. The penalty for subsequent acts of academic dishonesty may include expulsion.

More information on how to recognize plagiarism can be found at this site:

http://www.indiana.edu/-istd/plagiarism test.html

ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER

The Academic Resource Center is available for IDEAL students seeking help in their studies. The Center is staffed by writing professionals and peer tutors. More information can be found at:

http://myub.bridgeport.edu/academics/academicrescenter/Pages/default.aspx The Center is located in the Wahlstrom Library, Room 506. Hours of operation are Mondays -Thursday 9am - 6pm and Fridays 9am -
I pm. Make an appointment or walk-in: Telephone: 203-576-4290. Online Tutoring is available at: www.etutoring.org. To use this free service you must have a UBNet account.

Obtaining a UBNet Account

Every registered student should obtain a UBNet Account. The account allows you to access your grades, access library services, access online tutoring, access the computers in computer labs, and provides an email account in which the University sends out information. Go to: http://www.bridgeport.edu/ubnet - Click on "New UBNet Account" and follow the instructions.

The@bridgeport.edu email address is the official email the University uses to send information to you. You can have your Bridgeport.edu email forwarded to any other email account you use. Following the activation of your UBNet account (takes 24 hours), login at:

http://www.bridgeport.edu/email and click on "forwards" at the top of the page. Follow the directions to forward email messages to your other account.

Accessing Your Grades & Schedule Online

The WebAdvisor online information system allows students to search for available classes, check grades, view semester class schedule and verify your personal profile. Grades are generally posted 2-3 weeks following the end of a course. Information on WebAdvisor is password protected and requires you to use your UBNet username and password. To access WebAdvisor, go to:

http://www.bridgeport.edu/webadvisor

1. Login in with your UBNet username and password.
2. Click on "Student Menu."
3. Click on "My Grades."

If you are carrying a financial balance, access to WebAdvisor will be restricted.

Using the Library

You can access the library through the library's website: http://www.bridgeport.edu/library. Research tools available:

- Search for books held at the library.
- Search the online databases for your academic field; business, counseling, human services, psychology, etc.
- Send questions to the Reference Librarian for assistance in research topics and searching strategy.

To access the online journals for research purposes, you will need a UBNet account (see above).

Using Computers

Open access computer labs are available at three campuses:

- Bridgeport- 1st floor of the Wahlstrom library. Check library hours of operation at: http://www.bridgeport.edu/library
- Stamford - Room D; Check open hours at: http://www.bridgeport.edu/stamford
Course Cancellations/ Weather Policy

Any emergency necessitating the canceling of courses will be announced by the University through the Emergency Notification Telephone Line, (203) 576-4159. Please call this number for information on course cancellations. Also, information will be posted under "Latest News" on the UB home page, (www.bridgeport.edu). Canceled classes will be made up either the week following the end of the course or in consultation between the instructor and the students as to day and time availability. Course cancellations are also announced on television and radio stations.

Please note each campus makes weather cancellations independently. You should always check with the specific campus staff. It is best to call the campus emergency phone.

Bridgeport - 203-576-4159
Waterbury - 203-573-8501
Stamford - 203-358-0700

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Federal Student Aid Information: 1-800-433-3243.

To fill out your financial aid report to the Federal Government, please go online to www.fafsa.ed.gov. The school code for the University of Bridgeport is 001416.