

San José State University
College of Social Science
Interdisciplinary Social Science and Sociology Department
AAS 33A-02, Asian Americans and U.S. History and Political Institutions
Spring Semester, 2025

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Area D Social Science. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. demonstrate understanding of the ways in which social institutions, culture, and environment shape and are shaped by the behavior of individuals, both past and present; [Assessed in quizzes, essays 1 & 2]
2. compare and contrast the dynamics of two or more social groups or social systems in a variety of historical and/or cultural contexts [Assessed in midterm and final exam]
3. place contemporary social developments in cultural, environmental, geographical, and/or historical contexts; [Assessed in quizzes and final]
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Class Participations and Weekly quizzes (20%)

Two Midterm Exams (30%)

These two exams will be based on class lectures, activities, and readings. This exam will cover the assigned chapters in the textbooks, Canvas activities, and lectures for five-six weeks. It will be composed of two essays, 20 multiple choice questions, and 20 true/false questions.

Two Essays (30%)

Final Exam (20%)

The final exam will cover the assigned chapters in the textbooks, Canvas activities, and lectures for the entire semester. It will be composed of four essays, 30 multiple choice, and 40 true/false questions.

Grading Scale

95-100%: A 90-94%: A- 86-89: B+ 83-85%: B 80-82%: B- 76-79: C+ 73

Readings: Jones, Chapter 7

8th Week

Political Science Perspectives, Political ideologies and their foundations, The genealogy of American political system and institutions

Readings: Greenberg and Page, Forward, Chapter 1

9th Week

New Beginnings: The Creation of the United States in the 1780s and the making of U.S. Constitution

Reading: Jones, Chapter 8

10th Week

Political Philosophies and Agenda, Aristotle & Plato's notion of government, Federalists v. Anti-Federalists

Reading: Greenberg and Page, Ch. 2 and 3

Revolutionary Legacies 1789-1803

Reading: Jones, Chapter 9

11th Week

History and Objectivity: