

EDU 931 - Elections for Everyone

Independent Study Online Course Syllabus

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Number of Graduate Semester Units: 3 units

Target Audience: 6th - 12th grade teachers

Course Access: ce-connect.fresno.edu

Course Description

Every campaign needs a plan! Whether you are running for office, supporting someone else's campaign, or part of a committee, you need this course. Instructor shares time-tested strategies that win elections. By course end, students will learn secrets and strategies to successful political campaigns. Furthermore, this course will help teachers share the nuances of the election process at the classroom level. Techniques and tools are supported by national education standards.

Note: Required textbook is included in the course fees.

Required Texts and Course Materials

Textbook: How to Win an Election: A Game Plan for Victory

Online Resources: Relevant online resources that support the course content and encourage further investigation will be available throughout the course assignments. Active hyperlinks are utilized throughout the course and will link to the appropriate information when clicked. These include videos, podcasts, worksheets, online activities, journal articles and other resources.

Moodle: Moodle is a web-based learning management system used to support flexible teaching and learning in both face-to-face and distance courses (e-learning).

<https://moodle.org> // <https://moodle.org/demo> // <https://docs.moodle.org>

Course Dates

Self-paced; students may enroll at any time and take up to one year, from the date of registration, to complete assignments. Students may complete assignments in no less than three weeks for a 3-unit course (one week per unit).

National Standards Addressed in This Course

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)

(<http://www.nbpts.org/standards-five-core-propositions/>)

First published in 1989 and updated in 2016, [*What Teachers Should Know and Be Able to Do*](#) articulates the National Board's Five Core Propositions for teaching. The Five Core Propositions - comparable to medicine's Hippocratic Oath — set forth the profession's vision for accomplished teaching. Together, the propositions form the basis of all National Board Standards and the foundation for National Board Certification. Course assignments have been designed so students can demonstrate excellence against these professional teaching standards whenever possible.

- Proposition 1: Teachers are committed to students and their learning
- Proposition 2: Teachers know the subject they teach and how to teach those subjects to students
- Proposition 3: Teachers are responsible for managing and monitoring student learning
- Proposition 4: Teachers think systematically about their practice and learn from experience
- Proposition 5: Teachers are members of learning communities

SS C3 Framework Organization:

Key principles: civics, economics, geography, and history—way of thinking and organizing knowledge as well as systems for verifying knowledge.

- **CIVIC:** Civic and Political Institutions, Participation, and Deliberation: Applying Civic Virtues and Democratic Principles, Processes, Rules, and Laws
- **ECONOMICS:** Economic Decision Making, Exchange and Markets, The National Economy, The Global Economy
- **GEOGRAPHY:** Geographic Representations: Spatial Views of the World, Human Environment Interaction: Place, Regions, and Culture, Human Population: Spatial Patterns and Movements, Global Interconnections: Changing Spatial Patterns
- **HISTORY:** Change, Continuity, and Context, Perspectives, Historical Sources and Evidence, Causation, and Argumentation

National Center for History in Schools: UCLA

1. Chronological Thinking
2. Historical Comprehension
3. Historical Analysis and Interpretation
4. Historical Research Capabilities
5. Historical Issues-Analysis and Decision-Making

Continuing Education Program Student Learning Outcomes

CE 1	Demonstrate proficient written communication by articulating a clear focus, synthesizing arguments, and utilizing standard formats in order to inform and persuade others, and present information applicable to targeted use.
CE 2	Demonstrate comprehension of content-specific knowledge and the ability to apply it in theoretical, personal, professional, or societal contexts.
CE 3	Reflect on their personal and professional growth and provide evidence of how such reflection is utilized to manage personal and professional improvement.

CE 4	Apply critical thinking competencies by generating probing questions, recognizing underlying assumptions, interpreting and evaluating relevant information, and applying their understandings to the professional setting.
CE 5	Reflect on values that inspire high standards of professional and ethical behavior as they pursue excellence in applying new learning to their chosen field.
CE 6	Identify information needed in order to fully understand a topic or task, organize that information, identify the best sources of information for a given enquiry, locate and critically evaluate sources, and accurately and effectively share that information.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) for This Course

Student Learning Outcomes for This Course By the end of this course student will be able to:	National Standards Addressed in This Course*	Continuing Education Program Student Learning Outcomes Addressed**
1. Evaluate candidate electability. Create campaign committee, and volunteer list.	NTS: Proposition 4, SS C3: 1. CIVIC, NCHS: 3	CE 6
2. Create a platform, a fundraiser and plan an invite list with a \$ target in mind.	NTS: Proposition 2, SS C3: 2. ECONOMICS, NCHS: 3	CE 1
3. Develop a highly effective contact card, visual aids, and contact plan.	NTS: Proposition 1, SS C3: HISTORY, NCHS: 2. Historical Comprehension	CE 4
4. Role play campaign manager with data and research to campaign in voter turnout areas.	NTS: Proposition 4, SS C3: 4. HISTORY, NCHS: 4. Historical Research Capabilities	CE 6
5. Create an age appropriate lesson plan that covers a 3-5 day time period.	NTS: Proposition 3, SS C3: 1. CIVIC, NCHS: 1. Chronological Thinking	CE 2,3
6. Teach students about the about campaigns and elections	NTS: Proposition 5, SS C3: 1. CIVIC, NCHS: 5	CE 2, 3
7. Fulfill the rights and responsibilities of civic duty and virtue.	NTS: Proposition 5, SS C3: 1. CIVIC, NCHS: 5	CE 5

* Please refer to the section on **National Standards Addressed in This Course**

** Please refer to the section on **Continuing Education Program Student Learning Outcomes**

Topics, Assignments, and Activities

Module Module Title	Module Assignments and Activities	Points Possible for Each Assignment
Welcome Module	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction video • Course Syllabus • Introduce Yourself Forum • Moodle Online Tutorial 	
Module 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment 1: (A) Complete an in-depth self-questionnaire quiz re. electability (5 points) • Assignment 2: (B) Create a hypothetical campaign committee. (15 points) Noting importance of network and reliability. 5-7 Members... note weaknesses • Reading Chapter 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Acquaint yourself with 10 candidates) 2 hours web search: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do a search on electable/un-electable candidates and issues. Don't limit yourself to only researching current campaigns. Consider what a winning and losing attitude looks like... and public perception of that candidate. 	<p>5 pts</p> <p>15 pts</p>
Module 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment 1 PLATFORM • Assignment 2 Hypothetical Fundraiser 	<p>10 pts</p> <p>40 pts</p>
Module 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Chapter 1 and 2 for GPV • Create a contact card based on the platform • Create a yard sign following the criteria discussed in GPV. 	<p>25 pts</p> <p>25 pts</p>
Module 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform job of campaign manager and delegate list to three of your hypothetical volunteers. (A) Develop a walking list for for canvassers. Be sure to consult the county board of elections for this information. (B) Divide the walking list between three hypothetical volunteers. (C) Create a canvassing paper that explains the dos/don't of canvassing to potential volunteers. (D) Call your local Board of Elections. Ask if there is an absentee voter list that is generated during the election cycle. Ask where the list can be found. This should include addresses to voters who are going to receive an absentee ballot. Devise a plan to contact prospective voters. • Reading Chapter 3 and 4 • (Spend 2 hour searching web for videos of successful and unsuccessful canvassers) 	<p>40 pts</p> <p>20 pts</p>
Module 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (A) Congratulations! You are in charge of a campaign. 	<p>50 pts</p>

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	Create a candidate that is running for office. If you struggle with creativity no problem. This candidate can be based on ANYONE living or deceased. Develop a winning strategy for your candidate. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO UTILIZE ANY AND ALL RESOURCES CREATED IN THIS COURSE! Submit your own game plan for victory.	
Module 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (A) Assemble a lesson plan as to how a teacher could use materials from this class to teach K-12 students about campaigns and elections... or Create a professional development activity based on the same criteria!!! • (B) Be sure to keep this an age appropriate lesson plan with goals. *Use the seven candidate profiles. Students are voting for a school board member. They should run a class-wide or could run grade-wide campaign... Feeling brave, try a school-wide campaign. Administrators can make this a professional development activity for an in-service. Invite the superintendent or human resources and prove your worth to the district!!! 	50 pts 20 pts
Course Wrap-up – Grading and Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Reflection Forum • Course Evaluation • Course Completion Checklist • Grade Request / Transcript Request 	
	TOTAL POINTS	300 points

Grading Policies, Rubrics, and Requirements for Assignments

Grading Policies and Rubrics

- Assignments will be graded per criteria presented in the course rubrics.
- A = 90-100% and B = 80-89%, (anything below 80% will not receive credit.)
- Students must earn a minimum of 80% to received credit for the assignment.
- The discernment between an A or a B is at the discretion of the instructor based on the quality of work submitted (see course rubrics).
- Coursework falling short of a quality equaling a B or a Credit Grade will be returned with further instructions.
- All assignments must be completed to receive a grade. In addition, all assignments are expected to reflect the quality that teacher-training institutions require of professional educators. If completed assignments do not meet this standard, students will be notified with further instructions from the instructor.

Writing Requirements

- **Superior:** Writing is clear, succinct, and reflects graduate level expectations. Clearly addresses all parts of the writing task. Maintains a consistent point of view and organizational structure. Include relevant facts, details, and explanations.

- **Standard:** Writing is acceptable with very few mistakes in grammar and spelling. Addresses most parts of the writing task. Maintains a mostly consistent point of view and organizational structure. Include mostly relevant facts, details, and explanations.
- **Sub-standard:** Writing contains noticeable mistakes in grammar and spelling. Does not address all parts of the writing task. Lacks a consistent point of view and organization structure. May include marginally relevant facts, details, and explanations.

Lesson Plan Requirements

- **Superior:** Instructional goals and objectives clearly stated. Instructional strategies appropriate for learning outcome(s). Method for assessing student learning and evaluating instruction is clearly delineated and authentic. All materials necessary for student and teacher to complete lesson clearly listed.
- **Standard:** Instructional goals and objectives are stated but are not easy to understand. Some instructional strategies are appropriate for learning outcome(s). Method for assessing student learning and evaluating instruction is present. Most materials necessary for student and teacher to complete lesson are listed.
- **Sub-standard:** Instructional goals and objectives are not stated. Learners cannot tell what is expected of them. Instructional strategies are missing or strategies used are inappropriate. Method for assessing student learning and evaluating instruction is missing. Materials necessary for student and teacher to complete lesson are missing.

Discussion Forum Requirements

- **Superior:** Response was at least 1 page (3 fully developed paragraphs) in length. Thoroughly answered all the posed questions, followed all the assignment directions, proper grammar and no spelling errors. Language is clear, concise, and easy to understand. Uses terminology appropriately and is logically organized.
- **Standard:** Response was ½ to 1 page in length (2-3 fully developed paragraphs). Answered all the questions but did not provide an in-depth analysis, followed most of the assignment directions, proper grammar and no spelling errors. Language is comprehensible, but there a few passages that are difficult to understand. The organization is generally good.
- **Sub-standard:** Response was less than ½ page in length (1 paragraph). Did not answer all the required questions and/or statements or responses were superficial, vague, or unclear, did not follow the assignment directions, many grammar and spelling errors. Is adequately written, but may use some terms incorrectly; may need to be read two or more times to be understood.

Instructor/Student Contact Information

Throughout the course participants will be communicating with the instructor and their classmates on a regular basis using asynchronous discussion forums. A virtual office is utilized for class questions and students are provided with instructor contact information in the event they want to make email or phone contact. In addition, students are encouraged to email or phone the instructor at any time. Students will also receive feedback on the required assignments as they are submitted.

Discussion Forums

Participation is an important expectation of this course and all online courses. Online discussions promote reflection and analysis while allowing students to appreciate and evaluate positions that others express. While students may not be engaging with the same students throughout this course they will be expected to offer comments, questions, and replies to the discussion question whenever possible. The faculty role in the discussion forum is that of an observer and facilitator.

Coursework Hours

Based on the Carnegie Unit standard, a unit of graduate credit measures academic credit based on the number of hours the student is engaged in learning. This includes all time spent on the course: reading the textbook, watching videos, listening to audio lessons, researching topics, writing papers, creating projects, developing lesson plans, posting to discussion boards, etc. Coursework offered for FPU Continuing Education graduate credit adheres to 45 hours per semester unit for the 900-level courses. Therefore, a student will spend approximately 135 hours on a typical 3-unit course.

Services for Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities are eligible for reasonable accommodations in their academic work in all classes. In order to receive assistance, the student with a disability must provide the Academic Support Center with documentation, which describes the specific disability. The documentation must be from a qualified professional in the area of the disability (i.e. psychologist, physician or educational diagnostician). Students with disabilities should contact the Academic Support Center to discuss academic and other needs as soon as they are diagnosed with a disability. Once documentation is on file, arrangements for reasonable accommodations can be made. For more information and for downloadable forms, please go to <https://www.fresno.edu/students/academic-support/services-students-disabilities>.

Plagiarism and Academic Honesty

All people participating in the educational process at Fresno Pacific University are expected to pursue honesty and integrity in all aspects of their academic work. Academic dishonesty, including plagiarism, will be handled per the procedures set forth in the Fresno Pacific University Catalogue - <https://www.fresno.edu/students/registrars-office/academic-catalogs>

Technology Requirements

To successfully complete the course requirements, course participants will need Internet access, can send and receive email, know how to manage simple files in a word processing program, and have a basic understanding of the Internet. Please remember that the instructor is not able to offer technical support. If you need technical support, please contact your Internet Service Provider.

Moodle: This course will be delivered totally online. Moodle is a learning management system that provides students access to online resources, documents, graded assignments, quizzes, discussion forums, etc. Moodle is easy to learn and has a friendly user interface. To learn more about Moodle, go to https://docs.moodle.org/33/en/Student_FAQ. There are also some student tutorials on the Center for Online Learning website at Fresno Pacific University - <https://col.fresno.edu/student>.

Moodle Site Login and Passwords: Students will need to have internet access to log onto <https://ce-connect.fresno.edu>. The username and password numbers for Moodle access will be sent to you by the university using the email address you submitted at the time of registration. The instructor will then contact you with a welcome communication. If you need help with your username and password recovery, please contact the Continuing Education office at (800) 372-5505 or (559) 453-2000 during regular office hours - Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. or email them at prof.dev@fresno.edu.

Getting Help with Moodle: If you need help with Moodle, please contact the Center for Online Learning (COL), by telephone or the website. Help by phone (559) 453-3460 is available Mon-Thurs 8:00 am to 8:00 pm and on Fridays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, or by filling out a “Request Services” form at <https://col.fresno.edu/contact/request-services>. Please identify that you are with the “School = Continuing Education”.

Final Course Grade and Transcripts

When all work for the course has been completed, students will need to logon to the Continuing Education website (<https://ce.fresno.edu/my-account>) and “Request Final Grade”. Once the instructor receives the requests and submits the grade online, students may log back in to view their Final Grade Report or order transcripts online. Please allow at least two weeks for the final grade to be posted. For more information, see the Continuing Education Policies and Procedures at <https://ce.fresno.edu/ce-policies-and-procedures>.

University Policies and Procedures

Students are responsible for becoming familiar with the information presented in the Academic Catalog and for knowing and observing all policies and procedures related to their participation in the university community. A summary of university policies may be found on the university website at <https://www.fresno.edu/students/registrars-office/academic-catalogs>.

Fresno Pacific University Student Learning Outcomes

Student Learning Outcomes Oral Communication: Students will <i>exhibit</i> clear, engaging, and confident oral communication – in both individual and group settings – and will critically <i>evaluate</i> content and delivery components.
Written Communication: Students will <i>demonstrate</i> proficient written communication by <i>articulating</i> a clear focus, <i>synthesizing</i> arguments, and utilizing standard formats in order to <i>inform</i> and <i>persuade</i> others.
Content Knowledge: Students will <i>demonstrate</i> comprehension of content-specific knowledge and the ability to apply it in theoretical, personal, professional, or societal contexts.
Reflection: Students will <i>reflect</i> on their personal and professional growth and <i>provide evidence</i> of how such reflection is utilized to manage personal and vocational improvement.
Critical Thinking: Students will <i>apply</i> critical thinking competencies by <i>generating</i> probing questions, <i>recognizing</i> underlying assumptions, <i>interpreting</i> and <i>evaluating</i> relevant information, and <i>applying</i> their understandings to new situations.
Moral Reasoning: Students will <i>identify</i> and <i>apply</i> moral reasoning and ethical decision-making skills, and <i>articulate</i> the norms and principles underlying a Christian world-view.
Service: Students will <i>demonstrate</i> service and reconciliation as a way of leadership.
Cultural and Global Perspective: Students will <i>identify</i> personal, cultural, and global perspectives and will employ these perspectives to <i>evaluate</i> complex systems.
Quantitative Reasoning: Students will accurately <i>compute</i> calculations and symbolic operations and <i>explain</i> their use in a field of study.
Information Literacy: Students will <i>identify</i> information needed in order to fully understand a topic or task, <i>explain</i> how that information is organized, <i>identify</i> the best sources of information for a given enquiry, <i>locate</i> and critically <i>evaluate</i> sources, and accurately and effectively <i>share</i> that information.