

## Examination #1 (Preview)

The first exam will consist of two parts and will be based on the materials assigned for this course. It is best to restrict yourself to those materials and not consult external sources, which are likely to lead you astray from the particular issues on which we are focusing. The exam presumes familiarity only with the sources assigned for the course and has been written specifically with those sources in mind. Failure to use the sources assigned in this course will detract substantially from the success of your exam.

Part 1 is a take-home exercise. On this web site you can find two questions concerning the materials covered in the first unit of the course (see the link “Essay Questions”). You will choose **ONE** of those questions and answer it in an essay of 3 pages (4 pages maximum). You will submit your paper electronically through Turn-it-in on Canvas. Your TA will provide precise instructions on how to do this. The take-home portion of the exam will be due at 11.59 PM on the day of the exam. Essays submitted after this time lose 5 points for each two hours that they are late. Thus by 8.00 PM the day after the exam, no essay will be accepted.

Part 2 of the examination will occur in the lecture hall, starting at 10.00 AM on the day listed on the syllabus. This part will consist of multiple-choice questions based on all of the materials in this course (primarily lectures and readings). You should expect there to be 50-70 questions on the exam. A specific group of twenty of those questions will pertain directly to the US and Nevada constitutions, and this portion of the exam **MUST** be passed for students to receive credit for this course (passing is defined as twelve or more correct answers out of twenty). In order to separate these twenty questions from the others, we ask that students arrive at the lecture hall with **TWO SCANTRON™ FORMS**, as well as a #2 pencil. *Be certain to be on time for the exam, as those arriving late may be penalized or even denied an exam.* No one will be allowed to take the multiple-choice exam after the session during which the exam is scheduled. If a serious issue has prevented you from making it to that session, then you should contact the instructor immediately to explain the circumstances.

The main concern of both parts of the exam will be the US Constitution and the history and ideas associated with its adoption and evolution (e.g., the American Revolution, Locke and the English experience in the 17th century, the Nevada Constitution, etc.). Each portion of the exam – take-home and in-class – is worth 50 points, for a total of 100.

In terms of the specific material with which you should be familiar, the lecture and study guides provide useful guidance. Note, for example, that lecture guide #1 provides definitions of many of the concepts with which we have been working, while the lecture guide for Unit I has a fairly comprehensive list of terms, people & events with which you should be familiar.

Students should feel absolutely entitled to come to the instructor and TAs with questions about issues that they still do not understand. As the instructor of this course, I will make an extra effort to make myself available to students in the days leading up to them exam. Otherwise, good luck! Желаю успехов! 祝好!