

Section Information and Expectations

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Office Hours: Fridays, 2:00-3:00pm, Chauhaus Cafe¹ (and by appointment)

Section Attendance: Section participation counts towards 15% of your grade in Government 20. Attending and actively engaging in **all sections** is required and will count towards this participation grade. Legitimate absences must be cleared with me individually. Depending on the circumstances, I may request a letter excusing the absence and/or ask for a short response paper on the readings from that week to make up for the section.

Readings: You are expected to read all assigned materials for section every week. I recognize that there is a lot of reading in this course. We will discuss strategies for reading efficiently and productively in section. I will highlight the key readings to focus on each week before section, although you will remain responsible for all of the readings.

Papers: There are two short papers in the course. The focus in grading your papers is on the strength of your argument and the evidence you provide to support it, not your ability to summarize or describe readings or lecture material. This may be a new style of paper for some of you. I am ready to meet with you to discuss writing strategies in my office hours. I also encourage you to contact the Department Writing TF, Emily Clough -- clough@fas.harvard.edu, who is available to provide additional assistance with writing. All work must be your own and you must cite all sources. Footnote or in-text citations are both fine as long as you use a consistent format.

Paper Logistics: Turn in all papers as a **hard copy at the beginning of lecture** on the day they are due. Late papers will be graded down one third of a letter grade (i.e. A to A-) for each 24-hour period they are late. Late papers should be turned in via email to me. Extensions are very unlikely, but contact me individually (more than 24 hours) in advance if there are pressing circumstances. Per course policy, I cannot read drafts of your papers, but can discuss your ideas and look over early outlines at office hours.

Contacting Me: You are very encouraged to come to my office hours (and Prof. Levitsky's!), even if you do not have questions prepared. I ask that you each try to visit my office hours at least once before the first paper is due so we can get to know each other better. I will also be available to meet with you by appointment (scheduled via email). I will try to respond to all emails within 24 hours. Finally, please let me know privately if you have any special circumstances that I should know about.

I'm looking forward to getting to know you this semester!

¹ This is the café in the Graduate School of Design directly behind CGIS Knafel (North). Enter from the lawn area behind the CGIS building.