

Judicial Politics
Professor Halpern

Political Science 305
Fall 2009

Required Text: Ruggero Aldisert, *The Judicial Process*, West Publishing, 2d edition, 1996

Course Requirements:

This course uses a difficult text that is intended for use primarily by law and graduate students. It is not an easy read. Reading even a few pages will take you some time.

Students are expected to attend class, arrive on time, and read the material in advance. I will take attendance. Excessive absences may adversely affect your grade. I will call on students randomly to recite a case or summarize a reading.

There will be a multiple-choice midterm and a second exam at the end of the semester. The second exam will be cumulative. Each exam will account for approximately 50% of the final grade. The date of the midterm will be announced at least one week in advance.

The only circumstance under which the instructor will give make-up tests will be when a student provides written documentation from a physician that a member of the student's immediate family has died or that the student or a member of his immediate family suffered from a grave illness that prevented the student from taking the exam at the appointed time. Absent such documentation, the instructor will not give a make-up.

Students who miss the exam for one of the specified reasons noted above must notify the instructor within seven days of the date of the exam. Students who do not appear for the exam at the scheduled time and who do not provide the documentation noted above will receive an F.

Tentative Reading Schedule in the Text:

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| 1. Introduction, 1-16 middle | |
| 2. 16-33 bottom | |
| 3. 33-46 top | |
| 4. 49 bottom-66 bottom | |
| 5. 66 bottom-83 bottom | |
| 6. 83 bottom-101 top | |
| 7. 101 top-115 middle | |
| 8. 115 middle-129 bottom | |
| 9. 129 bottom-139 top | |
| 10. 139 top-153 top | |
| 11. 153 top-167 bottom | |
| 12. 167 bottom-180 middle | |
| | 15. 453 top-468 top |
| | 16. 468 top-485 middle |
| | 17. 485 middle-497 top |
| | 18. 497 top-510 middle |
| | 19. 510 middle-518 top,
and 522-28 middle |
| | 20. 528-539 top |
| | 21. 539 top-553 middle |
| | 22. 553 middle-567 top |
| | 23. 567 top-583 |
| | 24. 731 middle-744 middle |

13. 180 middle-193 middle
14. 440 top-453 top

25. 744 middle-758 middle
26. 758 middle-68