

PSC 3020, Section 401
Presidential Inaugurations and Transitions: OU in DC
Spring 2005
Professor Ellis
Pre-requisites: PSC 1113 and instructor's permission

NOTE: This is a three credit course with additional fees for the travel expenses. Contact Kathy Wakefield at 325-0380 (kwakefield@ou.edu) at the College of Continuing Education for details.

The objective of this course is to examine the transition period of previous presidential administrations and to apply this knowledge to the current administration to equip the student to analyze the manner in which the current administration is accomplishing this task. Because the inauguration marks the beginning of this transition, the class will attend the Presidential Inauguration on January 20th in Washington, DC and will meet with officeholders and policymakers during this trip to conduct interviews and establish research contacts. The end product of this research will be a public presentation of the research conducted in this course.

The class will attend the 2005 Presidential Inauguration from January 17 through January 21st. While the class is in Washington, we will meet each morning for class discussion and presentation of articles from the reading packet. In addition, there are scheduled activities each day consisting of meeting with Congressmen, committee hearings, and speakers. You will have some choice of which activity you attend, but attendance at these events is mandatory. Invitations to the inauguration will be given out the morning of the inauguration and all students should plan on a very long day with a great deal of walking. If you plan to attend functions other than those planned by the course instructor, these functions should not conflict with the class activities.

Arrangements for this trip are being made by the CCE Office. All financial concerns, permission forms, and other required paperwork must be completed with that office by their deadline. After the inauguration, the class will meet on Wednesdays from 4:30-6:10 for the remainder of the semester to further examine the transition process. Attendance at these meetings is required and students should plan to be prepared to both lead and participate in class discussions over the weekly topics.

Cost: \$675-725 (\$565 is for tuition for 3 credit hours)

Student will need to purchase a plane ticket and provide their own spending money

Deposit: \$200 due to Kathy Wakefield by October 30, 2004

Enrollment: 26 students