

Govt. 2301 & 2302
HCC NW, Spring Branch
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Extra Credit Opportunities

There are several opportunities for you to view political movies or listen to guest speakers that can be counted as extra credit. Write a two-page paper analyzing the politics found in the movie or discussed by the guest speaker. Attend the event with your mind on politics. The paper grade earns up to 8 points that can be added to an exam grade of your choosing (A = 8 pts., B = 6, C = 4, D = 2). ***The papers are due one week after the event date if you attend an event. No late paper exceptions.***

The paper is ***not*** a synopsis of the movie/event. The paper should analyze the politics involved with the issue or policy concern, and *apply course/book information to understanding the issue*. Consider everything we've learned thus far on how politics affects policymaking and policy choices for the country: political power, demographics, political cultures/values, international/economic environments, the three branches and other political institutions (elections, media, campaigns, etc.). Consider varying political interests from all actors involved with the issue. Think critically about political relationships between the people and government, and among government institutions. The more you apply course/book concepts, the higher the grade!

Spring Branch Campus

During the week at lunch time in the Eagle Room, The REEL films are shown w/a discussant:

<http://commons.nwc.hccs.edu/reel/>

Off-campus Opportunities

- The Katy Campus has a similar lunch time video series about various policy issues called Pandora's Box:
 - <http://commons.nwc.hccs.edu/pandora/>
 - Cyber Lounge, 12:30 pm

As more events are publicized, I will announce them. For more DVD ideas, see the movie/documentary list. Feel free to let me know about movies, documentaries, and community events, too!