

PolS 334: Seeking Truth  
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## Exam Guidelines and Tips

### Exam Guidelines:

- Bring a large blue/green book with nothing written in or on it, with all pages intact. Assume you will be switching exam books before the exam begins.
- Bring blue/black pens and write as neatly as possible.
- Do not write in pencil. Anything crossed out will not be graded.
- Put all electronics like phones and smart watches in your backpack before and during the exam.
- No notes or any other supplemental material is permitted during the exam.
- The exam will start at the beginning of class, so it is recommended that you arrive early.
- Once you have finished the exam please turn in your exam book, exam sheet, and sign out.

### Tips for Answering Questions:

- Answer each part of the question. If you only answer one part of a multiple-part question, you will not receive full credit.
- Answer what the question is asking. Don't dump all the information you know about the topic being asked. Instead, **focus** on just what the question is answering and **filter** your answers according.
- For each question: define and explain key terms, explain the significance (why we care) about each key concept, and provide examples when appropriate. **Flesh out** your answer.
- Responses to questions should draw on information given in lectures, class discussions, and reading material.
- You are expected to write out your answers in full sentences and paragraph form.

### Tips for Studying

- Study with a partner or in groups. Being able to explain concepts is a useful way to test yourself on the material. Just keep in mind that you can be wrong as a group, so trust but verify.
- Use some method of self-quizzing before the exam. Just rereading notes over and over again doesn't mean you know the material.
- Flash cards are a great way to go. I recommend putting bullet points instead of paragraphs on the back of your flash cards. Just make sure you can turn those bullet points into full sentences and paragraphs during the exam.