



# POSC159S

## The Armed Forces and Politics

### Discussion Sections

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Office Hours: Wednesdays, 1pm - 4pm

Section 1: Monday 3:10pm - 4:00, Sproul Hall 2360

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Section 3: Monday 5:10pm - 6:00, Winston Chung Hall 141

This is a preliminary syllabus for the discussions sessions of POSC159S: The Armed Forces and Politics

#### **Course Description:**

The objective of this discussion section is to review and help with the understanding of the course material. The intention is to debate the concepts and passages from the assigned readings. It is vital that students come ready to discuss, bearing thoughts and questions regarding the subject.

#### **Grading:**

Grades from the discussion session are a combination of attendance (20%), assignments (40%) and participation (40%).

**Assinments:** The assignments for the discussion session will consist of 4 small (*1 page average*) written assignments given at the end of the discussion section. Students will have until Saturday of the same week to post the assignments to iLearn. Assignments will be handed out on weeks 2, 4, 5, and 8.

#### **Note(s):**

As stated before, this is a discussion session planned to help the students with the materials. Thus, students are expected to take part in the class, and to use it as an opportunity to tackle any doubts remaining from lecture. Though not forced to speak at every given opportunity, students are encouraged to engage in the debate whenever they feel like it.

The discussion section in iLearn will serve as a secondary mean of participation, for those students who do not feel comfortable speaking in front of others.

If participation is not corresponding to the expectations, small extra writing assignments will compose the participation grade.

**Codes of Conduct:**

The use of internet access is encouraged as an aid to the discussion. Students using gadgets (cell-phones, computer and tablets) to distract themselves will result in the total banishment of those in class.

**Changes:**

Any changes in the syllabus will be posted on iLearn 24hours before they become effective.

**Teaching Assistant:**

My job is to make your learning experience in this course easier. Students are more than welcome to contact me via e-mail and during office hours. Have in mind that I will do my best to answer questions and help with any difficulties. However, take in consideration that I might need some time to provide you a satisfactory answer.