

Syllabus

Good Government 101: How To Save Higher Education in Florida

INSTRUCTORS: Faculty, Students, Parents of Students, Alumni AND CONCERNED CITIZENS OF THE GREAT STATE OF FLORIDA who CARE!

OFFICE: rm. 2009-10, Building (of) the Future

OFFICE HOURS: Starting NOW!

REQUIRED READING:

Thomas Paine, *Common Sense*

Education Must Be Supported by Our Government by Joe Reasonable

How to Lose an Election by Mr. Feedtha Rich

An Under-Educated Workforce is a Poor Workforce by John Hardworker

The Florida Tax Code by Old-Fashioned Fools and Special Interests

Keeping the American Dream Alive by Average the Citizen

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:

- 1) Lament the Political “State of the State” of Florida, and avoid a terrible “Fate of the State”

- 2) Get educated about the issues. Learn about the thousand ways that investing in higher education will create a better, more prosperous future for Florida.

- 3) Discover that the current budget crisis is easy to fix if politicians gain the courage to close loopholes and serve citizens instead of special interests and out-of-state corporations.

- 3) Organize a march on the Florida State Capitol.

- 2) March to the State Capitol TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD.

- 3) Hold a Teach-In on THE FATE OF THE STATE.

- 4) Contact your legislators by phone, letter or email—tell them to raise revenue, close loopholes, and prevent budget cuts.

- 5) If all else fails, work hard to remove anti-education legislators from office by electing pro-education legislators to replace them!!!

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

30% ABILITY TO LISTEN TO REASON

30% ABILITY TO RAISE REVENUE

20% QUIZZES (WE WILL BE ASKING SOME HARD QUESTIONS)

20% FINAL EXAM

THE FINAL EXAM WILL BE TAKEN BY THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE DURING THIS SPRING SESSION—WILL THEY PASS THE CLASS? OR WILL THEY FAIL?