

Judicial Politics
Professor Halpern

Political Science 305
Fall 2012

Required Texts: Ruggero Aldisert, *The Judicial Process*, (West Publishing, 2d edition, 1996)
Benjamin Cardozo, *The Nature of the Judicial Process* (Yale University, 1921)

Course Requirements:

This course uses a difficult text that is intended for use primarily by law and graduate students. It is not an easy read. Reading even a few pages will take you some time.

Students are expected to attend class, arrive on time, and read the material in advance. I will take attendance. Excessive absences may adversely affect your grade. I will call on students randomly to recite a case or summarize a reading. Kindly turn off your cell phones during class and put them away. *I do not permit laptops in class. If you have a disability that requires using a laptop, you must provide me written documentation of that.*

There will be a multiple-choice midterm and a second exam at the end of the semester. The second exam will be cumulative. Each exam will account for approximately 50% of the final grade. The date of the midterm will be announced at least one week in advance.

The only circumstance under which the instructor will give make-up tests will be when a student provides written documentation from a physician that a member of the student's immediate family has died or that the student or a member of his immediate family suffered from a grave illness that prevented the student from taking the exam at the appointed time.

Students who miss an exam for one of the specified reasons noted above must notify the instructor within 7 days of the date of the exam. Students who do not appear for the exam at the scheduled time and do not provide the timely documentation noted above will receive an F.

Tentative Reading Schedule:

1. Introduction, 1-16 middle
2. 16-33 bottom
3. 33-46 top
4. 49 bottom-66 bottom
5. 66 bottom-83 bottom
6. 83 bottom-101 top
7. 101 top-115 middle
8. 115 middle-129 bottom
9. 129 bottom-139 top
10. 139 top-153 top
11. 153 top-167 bottom
12. 167 bottom-180 middle
13. 180 middle-193 middle
14. 440 top-453 top
15. 453 top-468 top
16. 468 top-485 middle
17. 485 middle-497 top
18. 497 top-510 middle
19. 510 middle-518 top,
and 522 top-28 middle
20. 528-539 top
21. 539 top-553 middle
22. 553 middle-567 top
23. 567 top-583 bottom
24. Cardozo, *Process*, [To be announced]
25. Cardozo, *Process* [To be announced]
26. Cardozo, *Process* [To be announced]