

Political Science 480/80: Scope of Political Science  
Spring Semester 2014 Monday 3:25-6:00 \* Instructor: James Johnson

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Office Hours: Wednesday 1:30-3:00 & b

NOTE: I actively discourage your using LaTeX for the assignment. Your time is better spent learning how to think analytically and figuring out how to write coherently than wrestling with fancy typesetting. Among the things you don't want to have said of you: "All fur coat, no knickers."

## Academic Honesty

You should be familiar with the College Policies



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Week Thirteen ~ Pathological Debates (April 15<sup>th</sup>)

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Week Sixteen (May 5<sup>th</sup>) ~ No Class

Third Assignment Due My Office, 5:00 pm.