

LE1: Observe & Analyze

Dr. Walsh [00:00:01] Hello, students. I wanted to briefly introduce myself. I'm Dr. Walsh, your instructor for Intro to Comparative Politics. I've been teaching this course for the past three years, but I have to say I'm especially excited to be teaching this during an election year because we're going to be able to apply more course concepts to what's happening in our country. Now my job, this semester, is not only to ensure that the course videos, discussion boards, podcasts, and role-plays are engaging, but also that these learning experiences and assignments will prompt you to think more deeply about democracy and about public policy and ethics, building on what you've learned in your Intro to Poly Sci course. Because this course is online, it is especially important for you to understand that I am not just a talking head. I'm a real person on the other side of this computer. So I'm going to be hosting open office hours on Tuesday and Fridays where you can drop by to ask questions. You can also feel free to email me too, and I typically respond within 24 hours. Couple of tasks for you to get started. The course is open so feel free to poke around. Your first order of business is to read the syllabus in full. Familiarize yourself with it. And let me know if you have any questions. After that, you're going to want to tell me a bit about yourself by posting on the intro forum. What kind of hobbies you have? What are your pets' names? What kind of work do you do? This just helps me to get to know a bit about you. All right? Well, I'm looking forward to a great semester. Look for my announcement on Monday about the first module, and have a great week.

Dr. Walsh [00:01:56] Really, you really do that the entire time I'm talking?

Anna, Student [00:02:17] Nope, that's not it. Orientation module? I don't think the professor said anything about this. Maybe the syllabus is in here. No luck here. I guess I'll have to tell him his link is broken. At least I can write my intro. I'm Anna. I'm a transfer student from Indiana University, where I was majoring in public relations. I really enjoy morning runs with my pup, Munchkin, and reading historical biographies.