

# VIP GRII and GRIII

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Soccer, Community, Innovation and Politics VIP  
TIME TBD

## Instructor Information

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## General Course Information

### Description

This VIP is working on CURVA (Civil Ultras Research and Video Archive) and preparing SoccerCon for 2025.

### Course Learning Outcomes

- *Students will demonstrate ability to work in teams.*
- *Students will demonstrate ability to manage their time and accomplish tasks.*
- *Students will demonstrate mastery of civil society ultra organizations and their importance to civil society and democracy.*

### Required Course Materials

Comparative politics articles weekly in *The Economist* (free at Georgia Tech online)

### Grading Policy

Component	Weight
Participation	50%
Projects	50%

**Grade Scale:** A > 90; B > 80; C > 70; D > 60

### Assignments

**Participation**            50  
**Projects**                    50

### Description of Graded Components

Students will meet as an entire group and then in their selected teams to work on database, on case studies, and on SoccerCon.

## **Course Policies**

### **Screens**

Screens are permitted in this VIP.

### **Attendance and/or Participation**

Required.

### **Academic Integrity**

Georgia Tech aims to cultivate a community based on trust, academic integrity, and honor. Students are expected to act according to the highest ethical standards. Review Georgia Tech's Honor Code and the student Code of Conduct.

Any student suspected of cheating or plagiarism on a quiz, exam, or assignment will be reported to the Office of Student Integrity, who will investigate the incident and identify the appropriate penalty for violations.

Plagiarizing is defined by Webster's as "to steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one's own: use (another's production) without crediting the source."

If caught plagiarizing, you will be dealt with according to the GT Academic Honor Code. USING AI WITHOUT PROPER CITATION IS PLAGIARIZING. IF YOU USE AI WITHOUT PROPER CITATION, YOU WILL BE HANDLED BY THE DEAN OF STUDENTS. If you use AI and it is "invented or false AI garbage," your grade will be adjusted. AI is wrong a lot.

### **Accommodations for Students with Disabilities**

If you are a student with learning needs that require special accommodation, contact the Office of Disability Services (404-894-2563) as soon as possible to make an appointment to discuss your special needs and to obtain an accommodations letter. Please also e-mail me as soon as possible in order to set up a time to discuss your learning needs.

### **Student-Faculty Expectations Agreement**

At Georgia Tech, we believe that it is important to strive for an atmosphere of mutual respect, acknowledgement, and responsibility between faculty members and the student body. The Student-Faculty Expectations articulate some basic expectations that you can have of me and that I have of you. In the end, simple respect for knowledge, hard work, and cordial interactions will help build the environment we seek. Therefore, I encourage you to remain committed to the ideals of Georgia Tech while in this class.

### **Pre- &/or Co-Requisites**

None

### **Collaboration, Group Work, and Use of Generative AI**

Discussion questions are to be your own work, written by you and not AI! Exams are to be your own work. All in-class exams will be closed book and notes.

**Extensions, Late Assignments, & Re-Scheduled/Missed Exams**

Late discussion questions will be penalized accordingly. Make-up exams are given for illness, approved Institute activities or religious observances.