

**Name of University:** University of Akron

**Location:** Akron, Ohio

**Time of course:** 9 a.m.

**Institute or college overseeing course:** Ray. C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics

**University President:** Matthew J. Wilson

**Students:** 22,000

**University background:**

The University of Akron is Northeast Ohio's most influential public research university, contributing to the resurgence of the local economy, providing a workforce highly trained in diverse disciplines, and known for an innovative approach to higher education.

With 22,000 students and more than 300 associate, bachelor's, master's, doctorate and law degree programs, UA offers career-focused and experiential learning that helps students get ahead in the job market.

UA brings together diverse disciplines in ways that provide students with life-long skills, internships and co-ops, opportunities for academic research, education abroad, on-campus student employment and service projects designed for diverse groups of learners, including full-time, part-time and online students, veterans, and adults returning to the classroom.

**Global Classroom teachers:**



**Dr. John C. Green** is a Distinguished Professor of Political Science. He is also a Senior Fellow with the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, and is best known for his work on religion and politics.

He is co-author of *The Bully Pulpit: The Politics of Protestant Clergy; Religion and the Culture Wars: Dispatches From the Front*, and *The Diminishing Divide: Religion's Changing Role in American Politics*. In addition, he is co-editor of *The State of the Parties*, now in its 5th edition, *Multiparty Politics in America*, and *Financing the 1996 Election*.

Green is the Director of the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics, a bipartisan research and teaching institute dedicated to the nuts and bolts of practical politics. Green is widely known as

an observer of Ohio and national politics, and he is frequently quoted in the national and state media.



**Jerry Austin** has been one of the nation's most experienced and successful political strategists. Austin has consulted on races throughout the United States at every level from precinct committee person to President of the United States. Raised in the Bronx, Austin learned his politics in Cleveland in the late 1960s. After twice helping elect Richard Celeste as Governor of Ohio, he became the campaign manager for the Rev. Jesse Jackson's 1988 presidential campaign. He was the senior political director for Paul Tsongas's 1992 campaign for president and helped elect Paul Wellstone to the U.S. Senate.

In 1992, Austin was the consultant and media advisor for Carol Moseley Braun's historic campaign for the U.S. Senate. His work also includes witnessing the Marcos/Aquino election in the Philippines; the Pinochet plebiscite in Chile; and many trips to Northern Ireland to consult for the SDLP party. Austin earned a BA in American History from the City College of New York; a master's in Public Administration from New York University; and a master's in Education from the University of Akron. He is an Adjunct Professor and Director of the International Campaign Fellows program at the Bliss Institute of Applied Politics at The University of Akron.