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Text: Government by the People, 18th Edition, 1999

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>READING</u>	<u>DATE</u>
American Founding Documents	Chapter 1	Sept. 6,8
Principles of American Constitutionalism	Chapters 2 & 3	Sept. 11,13,15,18
First Amendment Freedoms	Chapter 4	Sept. 20,22,25,27,29
Examination		Oct. 2
Equality under Law	Chapter 5	Oct. 4,6,9
Due Process and Criminal Justice	Chapter 6	Oct. 11,13,16,18,20
Interest Groups	Chapters 8 & 9	Oct. 23
Political Parties	Chapters 7 & 10	Oct. 25,27
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Campaign Finance	Chapter 12	Nov. 8,13
Electing the President	Chapter 12	Nov. 15,17,20
U.S. Congress	Chapter 14	Nov. 27,29; Dec. 1
The Presidency	Chapter 15	Dec. 4,6,8
The Judiciary	Chapter 16	Dec. 11,13
The Bureaucracy	Chapter 17	Dec. 15
Examination		Dec. 22

The learning goal of this lecture course is student understanding of the major structural and legal features of American government. These characteristics are listed on the review sheets and provide the basis of the examinations. The three examinations will use objective (not essay) questions. The dates of the first two examinations are Oct. 2 and Nov. 6. The final examination will cover material from the second examination to the end of the course and is scheduled for Friday, December 22 at 8:00 a.m. The first two examinations will count 66 points each and the final examination will count 68 points. Thus, a total of 200 points can be earned in the course. The course grades will be determined as follows: A-top 15%; B-next 20%; C-next 30%; D-next 20%; F-bottom 15%. Make-ups for the first two examinations must be prearranged and taken within two class days of the scheduled time. Weekly review/discussion sessions will be conducted by the TA. November 10 and 22-24 are holidays.