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The University of Montana
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PSc 341 Political Parties,
Campaigns, and Elections
Spring 2000

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1-2:00, and by
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Course Description

A critical analysis of American political parties in a "nonparty era" and how parties are adapting to new forms of politics. Two primary roles will be assessed - the relevance of parties in campaigns and governing. The future of the two-party system will also be debated. Particular attention will be devoted to the upcoming 2000 national and state elections.

Texts

Students are required to read the following texts which are available at the University Bookstore:

Lowi, Theodore and Joseph Romance. Republic of Parties Debating the Two Party System. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 1998,

Maisel, L. Sandy. Parties and Elections in America, The Electoral Process. 3rd ed. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 1999, and

Menefee-Libey, David. The Triumph of Campaign-Centered Politics. New York: Chatham House, 2000.

Course Requirements

Students will be evaluated upon the following basis:

Research paper prospectus (Feb. 15)	5%
Midterm exam (March 9) Topics I-V	25%
Research paper (due March 16 IN CLASS)	25%
Research paper resubmission (due April 11 IN CLASS) ..	20%
Final Exam (Thurs., May 11, 1:10-3:10) Topic VI-XI ...	25%

Drop/Add and Grading Change Deadlines

Feb 11 - Last day to add/drop courses by Dial Bear. NOTE:
Last day to receive a full refund for classes
dropped.

March 6 - Last day to drop/add and/or change grade option.

NOTE - **ALL** writing assignments must be submitted to complete the course.

- A "C" letter grade is required to receive a "passing" mark for the P/NP grading option.

Makeup Exam Policy

Students who are excused from a scheduled exam may write a makeup examination. In fairness to all students, exam absences must be approved by the instructor.

Research Essays

Students are invited to choose a research topic. Research paper prospectuses are **DUE FEB. 15 IN CLASS.**

Please note that this is to be a research paper. The amount of research undertaken, and the ability to marshal that information effectively, will be crucial in the evaluation of the paper.

Papers should range between 10 to 15 double-spaced typed pages. They are **DUE March 16 IN CLASS.** Resubmissions are **DUE April 11 IN CLASS.**

NOTE - LATE PAPERS WILL NOT BE GRADED.

Lecture Topics and Readings

- I Introduction - Elections and Parties
Maisel, chapters 1 and 2, and
Lowi and Romance, passim.
- II Party Organization
Maisel, chapter 3.
- III Voting Behavior
Maisel, chapters 4 and 5.
- IV Interest Groups and Elections
Maisel, chapter 6.
- V State and Local Elections
Maisel, chapters 7 and 8.
- VI Presidential Elections
Maisel, chapters 9 and 10.
- VII Campaign Finance
Maisel, chapter 11.
- VIII Media and the Electoral Process
Maisel, chapter 12.
- IX Party in Government
Maisel, chapter 13.
- X Triumph of Campaign-Centered Politics
Menefee-Libey, passim.
- XI Conclusion
Maisel, chapter 14.

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