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Course Requirements - Students will be evaluated upon the following basis:

Seminar Participation ............................................. 50%
Writing Assignments .............................................. 50%

Writing Assignments
Each student will be assigned one volume for each seminar topic upon which they will prepare a one-page overview for distribution to fellow students and the instructor. The overview should summarize the author's key points. Weekly seminars will consist of brief presentations of their assigned readings and group discussion of themes and contrasting approaches to the subject matter.

Following the seminar, students will submit a five-page critical essay expanding upon the major themes (limited to one or two) addressed in their assigned volume in light of the seminar discussion. These essays are due one week after each seminar.

Seminar Dates and Readings - readings will be assigned by the instructor. Also note that dates are subject to change.

Federalism - Feb. 8

Political Parties - Feb. 15 and 22
Political Parties (continued)


Elections - February 29


Interest Groups - March 7

Executive Branch - March 14 and March 28

Congress - April 4 and 11

The Judiciary - April 18 and 25
Bickel, Alexander M. *The Least Dangerous Branch: The Supreme Court at the Bar of Politics*. 1962.
Tribe, Laurence, H. *God Save This Honorable Court*. (1985).
Bureaucracy - May 2