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INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT SYLLABUS

PSCI 210 SECTION 01 / FALL 2016
M/W/F 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. in LA 11

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Required Text: American Government: Institutions & Policies 15e by Wilson, Dilulio, et al.

Students may use either the 14th or 15th edition of the text although there are some slight variances that the students will be responsible for being aware of.

Course Description

PSCI 210 is intended to introduce students to the fundamentals of **American National Government**. The course includes an examination of basic American political principles and practices, the US Constitution, major institutions and civil liberties. The objective of this course is to acquaint students with the complexities of the American political system.

Examinations and Grade Weights

Test 1 50% October 26th (Wednesday) The exam covers Chapters 1-12

Test 2 50% December 7th (Wednesday) The exam covers Chapters 13-20

Test 3 (optional) (Covers Chapters 1-20. You are NOT required to take this exam but you must sign up to take the exam by December 8th)

The University of Montana now uses a version of the Plus/minus grading system, and a Credit/No Credit system (the CR/NCR replaces the Pass/Fail system used in the past.). *General education courses must be taken using the letter grade system to count toward one's general education requirements.*

To accommodate the Plus/Minus letter grade system, the grading scale used in PSCI 210 will be:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Point Scale</u>	<u>Point Range</u>	<u>GPA</u>
A	93-100	8 points	4.0
A-	90-92	3 points	3.67
B+	87-89	3 points	3.33
B	83-86	4 points	3.00
B-	80-82	3 points	2.67
C+	77-79	3 points	2.33
C	73-76	4 points	2.00
C-	70-72	3 points	1.67

D+	67-69	3 points	1.33
D	63-66	4 points	1.00
D-	60-62	3 points	.067
F	59 or lower	N/A	0.0

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http://www.umt.edu/vpsa/policies/student_conduct.php