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**Political Science 210  
Introduction to American Government  
Summer 2013**

**Class time: Monday – Thursday, 9:30-11:20**  
**Classroom: LA 205**  
**Office hours: Before and after class (LA 349)**

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Text: Magleby, *Government by the People*. **Note:** The book is optional. It is available in the UM bookstore and online. Any recent edition is fine to use. Several copies are on library reserve (in- building, 2-hour use).

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>READING</u>	<u>DATE</u>
American Founding Documents	Chapter 1	May 28
Principles of American Constitutionalism	Chapters 2 & 3	May 28, 29, 30
First Amendment Freedoms	Chapter 15	May 30; June 3, 4
Examination		June 5
Equality under the Law	Chapter 16	June 5, 6
Citizenship, Property, Due Process	Chapter 15	June 10, 11, 12
Interest Groups	Chapter 6	June 12
Political Parties	Chapter 7	June 13
Voting and Elections	Chapter 8, 9	June 17
Examination		June 18
Campaign Finance	Chapter 9	June 18
Electing the President	Chapter 9	June 19
United States Congress	Chapters 11	June 20, 24
American Presidency	Chapters 12	June 24, 25
American Judiciary	Chapter 14	June 26
American Bureaucracy	Chapter 13	June 26
Examination		June 27

The learning goal of this lecture course is student understanding of the major structural and legal features of American government. These characteristics, as covered in the lectures and listed on the review sheet, provide the basis of the examinations. The three examinations will use objective (not essay) questions. The dates of the first two examinations are June 5 and June 18. The final examination will cover material from the second examination to the end of the course and is scheduled for June 27. The two midterm examinations will count 33 points each and the final examination will count 34 points. However, a total of 110 points can be earned in the course (10 extra credit points). The course grades will be determined as follows: A = 94-100; A- = 90-93; B+ = 87-89; B = 83-86; B- = 80-82; C+ = 77-79; C = 73-76; C- = 70-72; D+ = 67-69; D = 63-66; D- = 60-62; F = 59 and lower. For the credit/no credit grading option, a grade of D- and above will count as "credit." Make-up and early examinations must be prearranged with Professor Lopach.

PSC 100 - Review Sheet No. 1

New Left	Interstate Compact Clause
Declaration of Independence	Extradition Clause
Natural Law Argument	Socialization of Conflict
Fundamental Law	Laboratories of the Nation
Thomas Jefferson	New Federalism
Popular Sovereignty	Cooperative Federalism
Right of Revolution	Comity Clause
Republican Form	Governmental Gridlock
Tenth Amendment	Marbury v. Madison
Constitution	Judicial Review
Minimal Government	Civil Rights and Liberties
Localism	Barron v. Baltimore
Bicameralism	Incorporation Doctrine
Bill of Rights	Establishment Clause
Confederation	Wall of Separation
State Sovereignty	Lemon Test
Economic Interpretation of Constitution	Conscientious Objector
James Madison	Accommodation Analysis
Burden-on-Commerce Balancing Test	Endorsement Analysis
Stake in Society	Freedom of Exercise Clause
State Ratifying Convention	Strict Scrutiny Test
Partial Agency	Rational Basis Test
Checks and Balances	Marketplace of Ideas
Great Connecticut Compromise	Fighting Words
Federalist Papers	Clear and Present Danger Test
Federalism	Clear and Probable Danger Test
Unitary Government	Bad Tendency Test
Enumerated Powers	Test of Imminence
Police Powers	Prior Restraint
Delegated Powers	Two Levels of Speech
Implied Powers	Overbreadth Doctrine
McCulloch v. Maryland	Vice of Vagueness
Inherent Powers	Chilling Effect
Reserved Powers	Time, Place and Manner Regulation
Concurrent Powers	Regulation of Content
External Sovereignty	Symbolic Speech
Umpire of Federalism	Criticism of Judge/Fair Trial Rule
Necessary and Proper Clause	TV/Fair Trial Rule
Federal Preemption	Press-Public Doctrine
Implied Preemption Test	Shield Law
New Nationalism	Public Figure Doctrine
Supremacy Clause	Actual Malice
Interstate Commerce	Patently Offensive
Cumulative Effect Test	Utterly Without Social Importance
Compact Theory	LAPS Test
Emanation Theory	Commercial Speech
Nullification	Forum Analysis
Concurrent Majority	Peripheral Right
Dual Federalism	Guilt by Association
Judicial New Federalism	Close and Substantial Relation Doctrine
Horizontal Federalism	Trimester Analysis
Full Faith and Credit Clause	Undue Burden Analysis
Defense of Marriage Act	Deviate Sexuality Law