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**Political Science 210
Introduction to American Government
Summer 2012**

**M-Th, 9:30 – 11:20
LA 205**

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PSCI 210 students: As the University's NCAA faculty athletic representative, I will be out of town attending the spring Big Sky Conference meeting during the first three days of class. This responsibility means that there will be no class meetings on May 21, 22, and 23. I have prepared for distribution the course syllabus, review sheet for the first examination (on May 30), and my lecture notes for the days I am gone. These notes have been prepared carefully, and exam questions will be taken from them. My intent is that my absence will not disadvantage you in any way. -- Professor Lopach

Text: Government by the People, 22nd Edition, Basic Version, or 2009 Alternate Edition

NOTE: The text is optional. Several copies are on library reserve; any recent edition is fine to use.

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>READING</u>	<u>DATE</u>
American Founding Documents	Chapter 1	May 21
Principles of American Constitutionalism	Chapters 2 & 3	May 21, 22, 23
First Amendment Freedoms	Chapter 15	May 23, 24, 29
Examination		May 30
Equality Under the Law	Chapter 16	May 30, 31
Citizenship, Property, Due Process	Chapter 15	June 4, 5, 6
Interest Groups	Chapter 6	June 6
Political Parties	Chapter 7	June 7
Voting and Elections	Chapters 8, 9	June 11
Examination		June 12
Campaign Finance	Chapter 9	June 12
Electing the President	Chapter 9	June 13
U.S. Congress	Chapter 11	June 14, 18
The Presidency	Chapter 12	June 18, 19
The Judiciary	Chapter 14	June 20
The Bureaucracy	Chapter 13	June 20
Examination		June 21

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 sheets, provide the basis of the three examinations. All examinations will use objective (not essay) questions. The dates of the first two examinations are May 30 and June 12. The final examination will cover material from the second examination to the end of the course and is scheduled for June 21. A total of 110 points can be earned on the three examinations, but the final course grades will be determined on a 100-point grading system as follows (10 extra-credit points are included in the tests): 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-ups and early tests must be prearranged.

PSC 210 - Review Sheet No. 1

New Left
Declaration of Independence
Natural Law Argument
Fundamental Law
Thomas Jefferson
Popular Sovereignty
Right of Revolution
Republican Form
Tenth Amendment
Constitution
Minimal Government
Localism
Bicameralism
Bill of Rights
Confederation
State Sovereignty
Economic Interpretation of Constitution
James Madison
Burden-on-Commerce Balancing Test
Stake in Society
State Ratifying Convention
Partial Agency
Checks and Balances
Great Connecticut Compromise
Federalist Papers
Federalism
Unitary Government
Enumerated Powers
Police Powers
Delegated Powers
Implied Powers
McCulloch v. Maryland
Inherent Powers
Reserved Powers
Concurrent Powers
External Sovereignty
Umpire of Federalism
Necessary and Proper Clause
Federal Preemption
Implied Preemption Test
New Nationalism
Supremacy Clause
Interstate Commerce
Cumulative Effect Test
Compact Theory
Emanation Theory
Nullification
Concurrent Majority
Dual Federalism
Judicial New Federalism
Horizontal Federalism
Full Faith and Credit Clause
Defense of Marriage Act
John C. Calhoun

Interstate Compact Clause
Extradition Clause
Socialization of Conflict
Laboratories of the Nation
New Federalism
Cooperative Federalism
Comity Clause
Governmental Gridlock
Marbury v. Madison
Judicial Review
Civil Rights and Liberties
Barron v. Baltimore
Incorporation Doctrine
Establishment Clause
Wall of Separation
Lemon Test
Conscientious Objector
Accommodation Analysis
Endorsement Analysis
Freedom of Exercise Clause
Strict Scrutiny Test
Rational Basis Test
Marketplace of Ideas
Fighting Words
Clear and Present Danger Test
Clear and Probable Danger Test
Bad Tendency Test
Test of Imminence
Prior Restraint
Two Levels of Speech
Overbreadth Doctrine
Vice of Vagueness
Chilling Effect
Time, Place and Manner Regulation
Regulation of Content
Symbolic Speech
Criticism of Judge/Fair Trial Rule
TV/Fair Trial Rule
Press-Public Doctrine
Shield Law
Public Figure Doctrine
Actual Malice
Patently Offensive
Utterly Without Social Importance
LAPS Test
Commercial Speech
Forum Analysis
Peripheral Right
Guilt by Association
Close and Substantial Relation Doctrine
Trimester Analysis
Undue Burden Analysis
Deviate Sexuality Law
Roe v. Wade