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Political Science 210
Introduction to American Government
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Text (not required; copies on reserve): **Government by the People**, 2009 Alternate Edition or National Edition

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>READING</u>	<u>DATE</u>
American Founding Documents	Chapter 1	Jan. 25, 27
Principles of American Constitutionalism	Chapters 2 & 3	Jan. 29; Feb. 1, 3, 5
First Amendment Freedoms	Chapter 15	Feb. 8, 10, 12, 15, 17
Examination		Feb. 19
Equal Rights Under the Law	Chapter 16	Feb. 22, 24, 26
Citizenship, Property, Procedural Rights	Chapter 16	Mar. 1, 3, 5, 8, 10
Interest Groups	Chapter 6	Mar. 12
Political Parties	Chapter 7	Mar. 17, 19
Voting and Elections	Chapters 8, 9	Mar. 22, 24, 26
Examination		Apr. 5
Campaign Finance	Chapter 9	Apr. 7, 9
Electing the President	Chapter 9	Apr. 12, 14, 16
U.S. Congress	Chapter 11	Apr. 19, 21, 23
The Presidency	Chapter 12	Apr. 26, 28, 30
The Judiciary	Chapter 14	May 3, 5
The Bureaucracy	Chapter 13	May 7
Examination		May 13

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 examinations. The three examinations will use objective (not essay) questions. The dates of the first two examinations are Feb. 19 and April 5. The first two examinations will count 33 points each. The final examination, which is scheduled for May 13, 10:10 a.m., will count 34 points. Thus, a total of 100 points can be earned in the course. Course grades will be based on the following curve: A = top 8%; A- = next 7%; B+ = next 7%; B = next 7%; B- = next 6%; C+ = next 10%; C = next 10%; C- = next 10%; D+ = next 7%; D = next 7%; D- = next 6%; F = next 15%. For the credit/no-credit grading option, a grade of D- and above will count as "credit." Make-ups for the first two examinations must be prearranged and taken within two class days of the scheduled time. Weekly review/discussion sessions will be conducted by the Teaching Assistant. Holidays are Feb. 15, Mar. 29 and 31, and April 2.

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
John C. Calhoun	Roe v. Wade