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**Political Science 210
Introduction to American Government
Spring 2010**

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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
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
Deviante Sexuality Law
Roe v. Wade