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Text: Government by the People, 22<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Basic Version

<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 17	May 30, 31
Citizenship, Property, Due Process	Chapter 16	June 4, 5, 6
Interest Groups	Chapter 6	June 6
Political Parties	Chapter 7	June 7
Voting and Elections	Chapter 8, 9	June 11
Examination		June 12
Campaign Finance	Chapter 9	June 12
Electing the President	Chapter 9	June 13
U.S. Congress	Chapters 11	June 14, 18
The Presidency	Chapters 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 examinations. The three 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. The two midterm examinations will count 33 points each and the final examination will count 34 points. Thus, a total of 100 points can be earned in the course. 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-ups for the first 2 examinations must be prearranged. Class will not meet on May 28.