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Text: Government by the People, 20th Edition

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>READING</u>	<u>DATE</u>
American Founding Documents	Chapter 1	June 28
Principles of American Constitutionalism	Chapters 2 & 3	June 29,30
First Amendment Freedoms	Chapter 16	July 1,2,6
Examination		July 7
Equality under the Law	Chapter 18	July 7,8
Citizenship, Property, Due Process	Chapter 17	July 9,12
Interest Groups	Chapter 6	July 13
Political Parties	Chapter 7	July 14
Voting and Elections	Chapter 8,9	July 15
Examination		July 16
Campaign Finance	Chapter 9	July 16,19
Electing the President	Chapter 9	July 20,21
U.S. Congress	Chapters 11 & 13	July 22,23
The Presidency	Chapters 12 & 13	July 26,27
The Judiciary	Chapter 14	July 28
The Bureaucracy	Chapter 15	July 29
Examination		July 30

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 July 7 and July 16. The final examination will cover material from the second examination to the end of the course and is scheduled for Friday, July 30. The two midterm examinations will count 66 points each and the final examination will count 68 points. Thus, a total of 200 points can be earned in the course. The course grades will be determined as follows: A=180-200; B=160-179; C=140-159; D=120-139; F=0-119. For the P/NP grading option, an A,B,C, or D determined by the above grading system will count as a "pass." Make-ups for the first 2 examinations must be prearranged. Class will not meet on July 5.