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PSC 100S.01: Introduction to American Government

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1. Basic reading for the course will be assigned from:

   R. Lineberry et al., Government in America (Brief Ed., paper)
   J. Bowers, American Stories (paper)

2. In addition, regular reading of a daily newspaper (and/or weekly news magazine) is expected.

3. Your grade will be based upon the best 3-out-of-4 scores from four 100-point grading options, averaged on a 100-point scale. There will be three 1-hour exams (100 points each) and one discussion-section grade (100 points based upon discussion-section participation and discussion-section quizzes). You may participate in all four, or only three, of the grading options. There will, however, be NO make-up exams or early exams. The fourth option is the make-up.

   1. Exam #1: October 3 (Monday), I-IV
   2. Exam #2: November 7 (Monday), IV-VII
   3. Exam #3: December 20 (Tuesday, 8:00-10:10), VII-IX
   4. Discussion-Section Grade: attendance, active participation, two quizzes. Quiz #1: (Friday) October 7; Quiz #2: (Mon.) Dec. 5. Quizzes will be held in SS 352; the specific material to be covered in each quiz will be announced in discussion-section.

Course Outline

I. Introduction to the Study of Government
   Lineberry (Ch.). Bowers (Ch.)

II. Formation and Substance of the Constitution

III. Federalism

IV. Judiciary (Jud. Review & Process)

V. Civil and Political Rights

VI. Interest Groups & Political Parties

VII. Nominations and Elections

VIII. Executive

IX. Legislative

NOTE: THURS., Sep. 29 IS THE LAST DAY TO DROP CLASSES OR CHANGE GRADING OPT.