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Text: Government by the People, 2001-02 Edition

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>READING</u>	<u>DATE</u>
American Founding Documents	Chapter 1	June 30
Principles of American Constitutionalism	Chapters 2 & 3	July 1,2
First Amendment Freedoms	Chapter 16	July 3,7,8
Examination		July 9
Equality under the Law	Chapter 18	July 9,10
Due Process and Criminal Justice	Chapter 17	July 11,14
Interest Groups	Chapter 6	July 15
Political Parties	Chapter 7	July 16
Voting	Chapter 8	July 17
Examination		July 18
Campaign Finance	Chapter 9	July 18,21
Electing the President	Chapter 9	July 22.23
U.S. Congress	Chapters 11 & 13	July 24.25
The Presidency	Chapters 12 & 13	July 28,29
The Judiciary	Chapter 14	July 30
The Bureaucracy	Chapter 15	July 31
Examination		August 1

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 9 and July 18. The final examination will cover material from the second examination to the end of the course and is scheduled for Friday, August 1. 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. Class will not meet on July 4.