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Text: Government by the People, 18th Edition, 1999

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>READING</u>	<u>DATE</u>
American Founding Documents	Chapter 1	July 2
Principles of American Constitutionalism	Chapters 2 & 3	July 3,5
First Amendment Freedoms	Chapter 4	July 6,9,10
Examination		July 11
Equality under the Law	Chapter 5	July 11,12
Due Process and Criminal Justice	Chapter 6	July 13,16
Interest Groups	Chapters 8 & 9	July 17
Political Parties	Chapters 7 & 10	July 18
Voting	Chapter 11	July 19
Examination		July 20
Campaign Finance	Chapter 12	July 20,23
Electing the President	Chapter 12	July 24,25
U.S. Congress	Chapter 14	July 26,27
The Presidency	Chapter 15	July 30,31
The Judiciary	Chapter 16	August 1
The Bureaucracy	Chapter 17	August 2
Examination		August 3

The learning goal of this lecture course is student understanding of the major structural and legal features of American government. These characteristics are listed on the review sheets and provide the basis of the examinations. The three examinations will use objective (not essay) questions. The dates of the first two examinations are July 11 and July 20. The final examination will cover material from the second examination to the end of the course and is scheduled for Friday, August 3. 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.