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UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA
Department of Political Science

Political Science 100S, Sec. 1
American Government
Spring Semester, 1995

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Hrs.:

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 quizzes). Missed quizzes may be made up. You may participate in all four, or only three, of the grading options. There will, however, be NO make-up exams or early exams. PLEASE DO NOT ASK FOR ONE! The fourth option is the make-up.

- 1. Exam #1: February 24 (Friday), I-IV
- 2. Exam #2: April 3 (Monday), IV-VII
- 3. Exam #3: May 11 (Thursday, 10:10-12:10), VII-IX
- 4. Discussion-Section Grade: attendance, active participation, two quizzes. Quiz #1:(Friday) March 3; Quiz #2: (Friday) April 28. Quizzes will be held in SS 356; the specific material to be covered in each quiz will be announced in discussion-section.

Course Outline

	<u>Lineberry (Ch.)</u>	<u>Bowers (Ch.)</u>
I. Introduction to the Study of Government and American Political Ideas	1	1, 2, 10
II. Formation and Substance of the Constitution	2	
III. Federalism	3	
IV. Judiciary (Jud. Review & Process)	13	
V. Civil and Political Rights	4	3, 4, 5
VI. Interest Groups & Political Parties	6, 8	
VII. Nominations and Elections	5, 7	
VIII. Executive	9, 11	6, 7, 8, 9
IX. Legislative	10, 12	

NOTE: THURS., Feb. 16 IS THE LAST DAY TO DROP CLASSES OR CHANGE GRADING OPT.