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STATE GOVERNMENT

PSC 364 Summer 1995

M-F 9:10-10:40 LA 102

TEXTS: Primary: *State and Local Government* (Ann Bowman and Richard Kearney)

Supplement: *The State of The States* (edited by Charles Van Horn)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

State Government is one of the most exciting areas in political science. This course examines on the evolution and development that has taken place in the states since the founding period. It focuses on the basic institutions as well as a broad spectrum of public policy issues that affect governing in the states.

GRADE WEIGHTS: Midterm Exam50%
Final Exam50%

PROFESSOR: Jeffrey D. Greene

OFFICE: LA 356 Telephone: 243-6181

OFFICE HOURS: 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. (MTW)

REQUIREMENTS: All exams will be given in class. Students are expected to take the exams during the scheduled time. The exams for the summer session will be subjective (terms and essays).

ATTENDANCE: Students are encouraged to attend class. Poor attendance may affect one's final grade.

COURSE OUTLINE and READINGS

Introduction

Bowman and Kearney: Chapter 1
Van Horn: Chapter 1, "The Quiet Revolution".

Political Culture

Bowman and Kearney: Chapter 1

Federalism

Bowman and Kearney: Chapters 2,3
Van Horn: Chapter 2, "The Role of the States in American Federalism",
by R. Nathan.

State Constitutions

Bowman and Kearney: Chapter 3

Participation in the States

Bowman and Kearney: Chapter 5
Van Horn: Chapter 4, "The Transformation of State Electoral Politics",
by Salmore and Salmore.

Political Parties in the States

Bowman and Kearney: Chapter 6
Van Horn: Chapter 9, "The Persistence of State Parties", by Samuel
Patterson.

Governors

Bowman and Kearney: Chapter 7
Van Horn: Chapter 5, "Being Governor", by Thad Beyle

State Legislatures

Bowman and Kearney: Chapter 9
Van Horn: Chapter 6, "The Legislative Institution-In Transition and at
Risk", by Alan Rosenthal.

The Judiciary

Bowman and Kearney: Chapter 10
Van Horn: Chapter 7, "Making Judicial Policies in the Political Arena",
by Lawrence Baum.

The Bureaucracy

Bowman and Kearney: Chapter 8
Van Horn, Chapter 8, "Accountability Battles in State
Administration", by William Gormley.

Midterm Exam - July 14 (Friday)

State-Local Relations

Bowman and Kearney: Chapters 11, 13, 14
Van Horn: Chapter 3, "State Budgeting in the Nineties", by Henry
Raimondo.

Public Policy in the States: Education, Economic Development, Criminal Justice, The Environment

Bowman and Kearney: Chapter 15,16,17,18

Federal-State Relations in the 1990s

Van Horn: Chapter 10, "New Storm over the States".

Final Exam - July 28 (Friday)

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