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PSc 100 American Government:
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Course Description

An introduction to constitutional principles, structures, and processes of the American national government. Selected current issues are incorporated into class lectures and readings to enhance the understanding of U.S. government and politics.

Text

O'Connor, Karen and Larry J. Sabato. American Government, Roots and Reform. 2nd brief ed. Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 1996.
Stinebrickner, Bruce, ed. American Government, Annual Editions, 96/97. 26th ed. Sluice Dock, Guilford, Conn.: Dushkin, 1996.

NOTE - Students are also expected to read a daily newspaper and/or watch TV news to follow current political events.

Course Requirements

Exam 1 (June 6) Topics I-III	30%
Exam 2 (June 18) Topics IV-VI	35%
Exam 3 (June 28) Topics VII-XI	35%

Drop/Add Policy

June 6 - Last day to drop and add classes.

Makeup Exam Policy

Students excused from a scheduled exam may write a makeup test. In fairness to all students, exam absences must be approved by the instructor.

Lecture Topics and Readings

The following is a target lecture schedule and required reading list.

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| I <u>Introduction</u>
O'Connor/Sabato, 1.
Stinebrickner, 3. | VI <u>Presidency</u>
O'Connor/Sabato, 7.
Stinebrickner, 21,22,24. |
| II <u>Constitution</u>
O'Connor/Sabato, 2.
Stinebrickner, 17,18,19. | VII <u>Bureaucracy</u>
O'Connor/Sabato, 8.
Stinebrickner, 33,34,35. |
| III <u>Federalism</u>
O'Connor/Sabato, 3. | IX <u>Judiciary</u>
O'Connor/Sabato, 9.
Stinebrickner, 28,29. |
| IV <u>Civil Rights/Liberties</u>
O'Connor/Sabato, 4,5.
Stinebrickner, 14,15. | X <u>Public Opinion and Media</u>
O'Connor/Sabato, 10,14.
Stinebrickner, 47. |
| V <u>Congress</u>
O'Connor/Sabato, 6.
Stinebrickner, 25,26. | XI <u>Parties, Elections, Campaigns</u>
O'Connor/Sabato, 11,12,13.
Stinebrickner, 36,40,41. |