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Summer, 1999

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Text: Government by the People, 17th Edition, 1997

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>READING</u>	<u>DATE</u>
American Founding Documents	Chapter 1	May 24
Principles of American Constitutionalism	Chapters 2 & 3	May 26, 27
First Amendment Freedoms	Chapter 4	May 28, June 1
Equality under the Law	Chapter 5	June 2, 3
Due Process and Criminal Justice	Chapter 6	June 4, 7
Examination		June 8
Interest Groups	Chapters 8 & 9	June 8, 9
Political Parties	Chapters 7 & 10	June 9, 10
Voting	Chapter 11	June 10, 11
Campaign Finance	Chapter 12	June 11, 14
Examination		June 14
Electing the President	Chapter 12	June 15, 16
U.S. Congress	Chapter 14	June 17, 18
The Presidency	Chapter 15	June 21, 22
The Judiciary	Chapter 16	June 23
The Bureaucracy	Chapter 17	June 24
Examination		June 25

The learning goal of this lecture course is student understanding of the major structural and legal features of American government. These characteristics are detailed on the review sheets and provide the basis of the examinations. The three examinations will use objective questions. The dates of the first two examinations will be June 8 and June 14. The final examination will cover material from the second examination to the end of the course and is scheduled for Friday, June 25. 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 May 25 and May 31.