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# PSC 100S.01: Introduction to American Government

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

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>READING</b>	<b>DATE</b>
American Founding Documents	Chapter 1	May 25
Principles of American Constitutionalism	Chapters 2 & 3	May 26,30
First Amendment Freedoms Examination	Chapter 4	May 31, June 1 June 2
Equality under the Law	Chapter 5	June 5
Due Process and Criminal Justice	Chapter 6	June 6,7
Interest Groups	Chapters 8 & 9	June 8
Political Parties	Chapters 7 & 10	June 9
Voting	Chapter 11	June 12
Campaign Finance Examination	Chapter 12	June 13 June 14
Electing the President	Chapter 12	June 14,15
U.S. Congress	Chapter 14	June 16,19
The Presidency	Chapter 15	June 19,20
The Judiciary	Chapter 16	June 21
The Bureaucracy	Chapter 17	June 22
Examination		June 23

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 2 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 23. 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 Memorial Day, May 29.