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STATE GOVERNMENT SYLLABUS

PSc 364 / Summer 2000 (June 26-July 28)

M-F 10:50 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. / Location: LA 102

TEXTS

Primary: *State and Local Government* 4th Edition (Ann Bowman and Richard Kearney)

Supplement: *The State of The States* 3rd Edition (edited by Charles Van Horn)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

State Government is one of the most exciting areas in political science. This course examines 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. The objective of the course is to acquaint students with the complexities of state government.

GRADE WEIGHTS

Midterm Exam50%

Final Exam50%

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OFFICE HOURS: 10:15 -10:45 a.m. (Monday, Tuesday)

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). No paper is required in the summer version of the course.

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

WEB PAGE: Political Science Department Web Page: <http://www.umd.edu/polsci>

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

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 4

Political Parties in the States

Bowman and Kearney: Chapter 5

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

Governors

Bowman and Kearney: Chapter 6

Van Horn: Chapter 5, "Being Governor," by Thad Beyle.

State Legislatures

Bowman and Kearney: Chapter 8

Van Horn: Chapter 6, "The Legislature," by Alan Rosenthal.

Midterm Exam – July 14 (Friday)

The Judiciary

Bowman and Kearney: Chapter 9

Van Horn: Chapter 7, "Supreme Courts in the Policy Process," by Lawrence Baum.

The Bureaucracy

Bowman and Kearney: Chapter 7

Van Horn, Chapter 8, "Accountability Battles in State Administration," by William Gormley.

State-Local Relations

Bowman and Kearney: Chapters 12, 13

Van Horn: Chapter 3, "State Budgeting Problems, Choices, and Money," by Henry Raimondo.

Public Policy in the States

Education, Economic Development, Criminal Justice, The Environment

Bowman and Kearney: Chapters 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

Van Horn: Chapters 9, 10, "State Education Policy," by M. Goertz; "State Welfare Policy," by I. Lurie.

Federal-State Relations in the 1990s

Van Horn: Chapter 11, "Power to the States," by Van Horn

Final Exam – July 27 (Thursday) Exams will be returned on Friday, July 28

Transparencies and Study Guides for both exams are available online on the Department of Political Science Web Site at <http://www.umd.edu/polsci/greene%20home%20page.htm>