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UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA
Department of Political Science

Political Science 100S, Sec. 1
American Government
Fall Semester, 1997

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Hrs.:

1. Basic reading for the course will be assigned from:

J. M. Burns, et al., Government By The People (Basic Ed., 17th ed.)
Annual Editions, American Government 97/98 (paper)

2. In addition, regular reading of a daily newspaper (and/or weekly news magazine) is expected.

3. Your grade will be based upon the best 3-out-of-4 scores from four 100-point grading options, averaged on a 100-point scale. There will be three 1-hour exams (100 points each) and one discussion-section grade (100 points based upon discussion-section participation and discussion-section quizzes). You may participate in all four, or only three, of the grading options. There will, however, be NO make-up exams or early exams. Please do not ask for make-ups. The fourth option is the make-up.

1. Exam #1: Oct. 3 (Friday), I-IV

2. Exam #2: Nov. 7 (Friday), IV-VII

3. Exam #3: Dec. 18 (Thursday, 8:00-10:00), VII-IX

4. Discussion-Section Grade: attendance, active participation, two quizzes. Quiz #1:(Friday) Oct. 10; Quiz #2: (Monday) Dec. 8.

Quizzes will be held in SS 352; the specific material to be covered in each quiz will be announced in discussion-section.

Course Outline

	<u>Burns (Ch.)</u>	<u>AE (Read #.)</u>
I. Introduction to the Study of Government and American Political Ideas	1	6-15, 31-35
II. Formation & Substance of the Constitution	2,7,8	
III. Federalism	3	
IV. Judiciary (Jud. Review & Process)	16	
V. Civil and Political Rights	4,5,6	16-20,48-56, 40-44
VI. Interest Groups & Political Parties	9,10	
VII. Nominations and Elections	11,12,13	
VIII. Executive	15	45-47,21-30
IX. Legislative	14,18	

NOTE: MON., Oct. 13 IS THE LAST DAY TO DROP CLASSES OR CHANGE GRADING OPT.