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Political Science 100  
Fall 1997

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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	Sept. 3,5
Principles of American Constitutionalism	Chapters 2 & 3	Sept. 8,10,12,15
First Amendment Freedoms	Chapter 4	Sept.17,19,22,24,26
Examination		Sept.29
Equality under Law	Chapter 5	Oct.1,3,6
Due Process and Criminal Justice	Chapter 6	Oct.8,10,13,15
Public Opinion and Media	Chapters 11 & 13	Oct.17
Interest Groups	Chapters 8 & 9	Oct.20
Political Parties	Chapters 7 & 10	Oct.22,24
Voting	Chapter 11	Oct.27,29,31
Examination		Nov.3
Campaign Finance	Chapter 12	Nov.5,7
Electing the President	Chapter 12	Nov.10,12,14
U.S. Congress	Chapter 14	Nov.17,19,21
The Presidency	Chapter 15	Nov.24, Dec.1,3
The Judiciary	Chapter 16	Dec.5,8
The Bureaucracy	Chapter 17	Dec.10,12
Examination		Dec.15

There will be three examinations and each test will use objective questions. The dates of the first two examinations will be Sept.29 and Nov.3. The final examination will cover material from the second examination to the end of the course and is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 15, at 8:00 a.m.. The first two examinations will count 66 points each and the final 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-top 20%; B-next 30%; C-next 30%; D-bottom 20%. Failing grades will be determined at the instructor's discretion and as exceptions to the above distribution. Make-ups for the first two examinations must be taken within four days of the scheduled time. Weekly review/discussion sessions will be conducted by the TA on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. Nov. 11 is a holiday. Thanksgiving vacation is Nov. 26-28.