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PSC 100S.03: Introduction to American Government

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AMERICAN GOVERNMENT SYLLABUS

PSc 100 Section 003
Fall 1997

T/Th 3:20 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Social Science #356
Professor: Jeff Greene Office: LA 356
Telephone: 243-6181 Office Hours: TBA


COURSE DESCRIPTION

PSc 100 is intended to introduce students to the fundamentals of American National Government. The course includes an examination of basic American political principles and practices, the Constitution, major institutions, and civil liberties.

Grade Weights:

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Grade Ranges: A = 94-100; B = 80-93; C = 70-79; D = 60-69; F = any grade below 60.

EXAMS: All exams will be objective tests (e.g. true/false and multiple choice).

Test 3 is OPTIONAL, based on your satisfaction with your grade after Test 2. Test 1 and Test 2 are not comprehensive; Test 3 will be comprehensive (that is, include specific material from the entire semester). If you select to take Test 3, each test is weighted as one-third.

MAKE-UP EXAM POLICY: All students are expected to take the exams at the times specified above. Make-up exams will be given in the event of extenuating circumstances. Students must make prior arrangements by calling either the Political Science Department office or myself (243-6181) and leaving a message (243-5202). Make-up exams will be not be the same tests given during the scheduled time.
COURSE OUTLINE and READINGS

Introduction: What is Politics?
Wilson & Difilio: Chapter 1

The Founding and The Constitution
Wilson & Difilio: Chapter 2 + The Constitution & Federalist #10

Federalism
Wilson & Difilio: Chapter 3

Political Culture
Wilson & Difilio: Chapter 4

Public Opinion
Wilson & Difilio: Chapter 5

Participation
Wilson & Difilio: Chapter 6

Political Parties
Wilson & Difilio: Chapter 7

Campaigns, and Elections
Wilson & Difilio: Chapter 8

Interest Groups
Wilson & Difilio: Chapter 9

TEST #1 Thursday, October 23

The Media
Wilson & Difilio: Chapter 10
Congress

Wilson & Difilipo: Chapter 11
FILM: The Power Game.

The Presidency

Wilson & Difilipo: Chapter 12
FILM: The Power Game.

The Bureaucracy

Wilson & Difilipo: Chapter 13
FILM: The Power Game.

The Judiciary

Wilson & Difilipo: Chapter 14

Civil Liberties and Civil Rights

Wilson & Difilipo: Chapters 15, 16 + Chapter 17

TEST #2 Tuesday, December 9

TEST #3 Tuesday, December 17, Wednesday (SS 356 at 3:20 p.m.)
The Exam will be COMPREHENSIVE and is OPTIONAL! Students are not required to take the exam.

Special Dates

October 23 (Thur)... Test 1
November 27 (Thur)... No Class (Thanksgiving)
December 9 (Tues)... Test 2
December 17 (Wed)... Test 3 Comprehensive Exam (Optional)