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<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>READING</u>	<u>DATE</u>
American Founding Documents	Chapter 1	May 27
Principles of American Constitutionalism	Chapters 1 & 2	May 28,29
First Amendment Freedoms	Chapter 3	May 30, June 2
Examination		June 3
Equality under Law	Chapter 4	June 4,5
Due Process and Criminal Justice	Chapter 4	June 6,9
Interest Groups	Chapters 6 & 7	June 10
Political Parties	Chapters 5 & 7	June 11
Voting	Chapter 8	June 12
Examination		June 13
Campaign Finance	Chapter 8	June 16
Electing the President	Chapter 8	June 17,18
U.S. Congress	Chapter 10	June 19,20
The Presidency	Chapter 11	June 23,24
The Judiciary	Chapter 12	June 25
The Bureaucracy	Chapter 13	June 26
Examination		June 27

There will be three examinations: two midterms and a final. Each test will use objective questions. The dates of the midterm examinations will be June 3 and 13. The final examination will cover material from the second midterm to the end of the course and is scheduled for Friday, June 27. The midterms will count 33 points each and the final will count 34 points. Thus, a total of 100 points can be earned in the course. The course grades for PSc 100 will be determined as follows: A-90-100; B-80-89; C-70-79; D-60-69; F-0-59.