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PSC 364.01: State Government

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

TEXTS: Primary: *State and Local Government* 3rd Edition (Ann Bowman and Richard Kearney)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

State Government is one of the most exciting areas in political science. This course examines on 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.

GRADE WEIGHTS: Midterm Exam ...........50%
Final Exam ..............50%

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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).

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

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

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.

The Judiciary
Bowman and Kearney: Chapter 9

The Bureaucracy
Bowman and Kearney: Chapter 7
Van Horn, Chapter 8, "Accountability Battles in State Administration", by William Gormley.

Midterm Exam - June 12 (Thursday)

State-Local Relations
Bowman and Kearney: Chapters 12, 13

Public Policy in the States

Education, Economic Development, Criminal Justice, The Environment

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

Federal-State Relations in the 1990s

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

Final Exam - June 27 (Friday)

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