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PSC 100S.01: Introduction to American Government

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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	May 26
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Due Process and Criminal Justice	Chapter 6	June 4, 8
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Political Parties	Chapters 7 & 10	June 10
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Electing the President	Chapter 12	June 16, 17
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The Presidency	Chapter 15	June 22,23
The Judiciary	Chapter 16	June 24
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Examination		June 26

The learning goal of this lecture course is student understanding of the major structural and legal features of American Government. To achieve this goal, the course's three examinations will use objective questions. The dates of the first two examinations will be June 5 and 15. The final examination will cover material from the second examination to the end of the course and is scheduled for Friday, June 26. The midterms 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 for Psc 100 will be determined as follows: A=180-200; B=160-179; C=140-159; D=120-139; F=0-119.