

POLI 2051-2 American Government
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liberties). The second section examines political participation and the role that parties, elections, interest groups, and public opinion play in the political process. The third section covers the role of the media in public opinion and how public opinion is measured using examples from our in-class survey. The third section covers the role of the media in public opinion and how public opinion is measured using examples from our in-class survey. The third section covers the role of the media in public opinion and how public opinion is measured using examples from our in-class survey.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

These tests will be given in this class. Each is worth 100 points. The dates are listed in the Class Schedule and Reading Assignments section of this syllabus. All readings, materials and lectures are fair game. In-classroom participation is also an important part of the course. All assignments will be discussed in class. All assignments will be discussed in class. All assignments will be discussed in class.

300 - 319 (77.5%)	A
320 - 359 (80%)	B
270 - 319 (67.5%)	C
230 - 269 (57.5%)	D
below 220	F

CLASS SCHEDULE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

Week	Topic	Reading Assignment
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8/23-8/25	Introduction	Chapter 1
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8/30-9/1	The Constitution Last day to drop w/o W. (8/29)	Chapter 2 Constitution (A)
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Declaration of Independence (A)

EXAM #1 Tuesday, September 27 IN CLASS

9/29	Public Opinion	Chapter 5
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10/4-10/6	Public Opinion, News Media	Chapters 5,6
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10/11	Interest Groups	Chapter 7
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10/18-10/20	Political Parties, Elections	Chapters 9,10
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10/25-10/27	Elections QUIZ#2 (Thursday)	Chapter 10
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11/1	Elections	Chapter 10
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EXAM #2 Thursday, November 3 IN CLASS

11/8-11/10	The Congress	Chapter 11
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11/15-11/17	The Presidency, The Bureaucracy	Chapters 12, 13
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11/22	The Courts, THANKSGIVING	Chapter 14
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11/29-12/1	QUIZ#3 (Tuesday) Practical Politics, <i>Hardball</i>	
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EXAM #3 Wednesday, December 7 10:00-NOON

Note: All readings (except *Hardball*) are from Greenberg and Page. (A) means the reading is found in the Appendix of Greenberg and Page.