

American Government (Political Science 2551)  
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Introduction:

Yeah. Of course there's 2 Hurricanes #2020

Welcome to the COVID-19 version of this course. While I would much prefer the live version, the decision I made given the current situation is such, it will be online asynchronous.

So what does that mean?

- x It means we won't have set times for class or exams
- x There will be windows of time to complete lectures, quizzes, readings, exams, other assignments
- x I will have "office hours" via zoom
- x We may have zoom Q&A sessions that will not be mandatory
- x Assignments will be available

## Grading:

Precise instructions and details on all assignments will be provided via Moodle

## Exams:(75%)

There will be three exams. They will be cumulative.

They will be open book objective questions (multiple choice) administered via Moodle

Each exam will cover the assigned chapter readings and lecture content

## Quizzes:(25%)

There will be chapter quizzes on the assigned readings.

They will be open book objective questions administered via Moodle

## Course Schedule(Always subject to change)

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<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Week 1	Week of August 24	Hurricane!/Covid19!/Introduction! Chapter 1– Political Culture Chapter 2 –Constitutional Democracy
Week 2	Week of August 31	Chapter 3 –Federalism
Week 3	Week of September 7	Chapter 4 –Civil Liberties
Week 4	Week of September 14	Chapter 5 –Equal Rights
Week 5	Week of September 21	<u>Exam #1</u> Chapter 11 –Congress
Week 6	Week of September 28	Chapter 12 –The President
Week 7	Week of October 12	Chapter 13 –Federal Bureaucracy
Week 8	Week of October 19	Chapter 14 –Federal Judiciary
Week 9	Week of October 26	<u>Exam #2</u> Chapter 6 –Public Opinion
Week 10	Week of November 2	Chapter 7 –Political Participation
Week 11	Week of November 9	Chapter 8 –Political Parties and Campaigns
Week 12	Week of November 16	Chapter 9 –Interest Groups
Week 13	Week of November 23	<u>Thanksgiving Holiday</u>
Week 14	Week of November 30	Chapter 10 –The News Media
Week 15	Week of December 7	Exam#3 – Due December 11 at 11:30 pm