

## Semester Outline/Pacing Guide

Week	Concepts	Topics	Text Chapters	Supplemental Materials
1	Syllabus and Introduction			
Constitutional Underpinnings of the United States Government				
1	American Revolution	Enlightenment ideologies (Locke, Montesquieu, Rousseau), reasons for separation from Britain	Ch. 2-3	<i>Second Treatise of Civil Government</i> (Locke), <i>Democracy in America</i> (Tocqueville)
	Need for Government	flaws and failures of the Articles of Confederation, Shays's Rebellion	Ch. 2	<i>The Federalist</i> No. 16 (Hamilton)
	Founding Principles/Ideologies	purpose and scope, freedom, order, equality, fear of factions (political conflict)	Ch. 2	<i>The Federalist</i> No. 10 (Madison)
	Governmental Theories	unitary, confederacy, federalism, limited government, democratic system, republican system, pluralism, elitism, majority rule (excessive democracy and limitations)	Ch. 2-3	About America ( <i>Similarities and differences between the United States and other forms of democratic government</i> )
2	Constitutional Compromises	Great Compromise, Three-Fifths Compromise, Commerce and Slave Trade Compromise	Ch. 2	
	Separation of Powers	Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branch functions, governmental powers (expressed, implied, inherent, reserved, concurrent, prohibited)	Ch. 2	<i>The Federalist</i> No. 47, 48, 51 (Madison), <i>The Constitution of the United States of America</i> , <i>Marbury v. Madison</i>
	Checks and Balances	each branch's limitations on powers in relation to other branches	Ch. 2	
	Party System	Federalist and Anti-Federalist viewpoints	Ch. 2, 7	<i>The Anti-Federalist</i> No. 17, 84
	Amendment Process	Bill of Rights + 17, formal and informal processes	Ch. 2	<i>The Constitution of the United States of America</i>
	TEST #1: Constitutional Foundations and Underpinnings			
3	Federalism	definition and overview of the system, governmental powers as they relate to federalism, successes and challenges	Ch. 3	<i>The Federalist</i> No. 17 (Hamilton), 44, 45 (Madison), About America ( <i>Overview of national, state, and local governments</i> )
	Types of Federalism	dual, cooperative, fiscal (types of grants and mandates), devolution	Ch. 3	Chart: text. Pg. 80 ( <i>What Does the Federal Government Give the States Money to Do?</i> )
	Federalism in Action	landmark Supreme Court decisions, federal/state relations, interstate relations	Ch. 3	<i>McCulloch v. Maryland</i> , <i>Gibbons v. Ogden</i>
TEST #2: Federalism				

## Institutions of United States Government

	Features and Functions of Congress	constitutional structure, terms, leadership, committees, legislative process, representative body and voting, budget process, pluralism	Ch. 2, 10	<a href="http://www.thomas.loc.gov">www.thomas.loc.gov</a> ( <i>How Our Laws Are Made</i> ), <a href="http://www.votesmart.org">www.votesmart.org</a> ( <i>Government 101: How a Bill Becomes a Law</i> ) Chart: <a href="http://congresspay.com">congresspay.com</a> (historical congressional salaries)
4	Congressional Powers	enumerated powers, informal, budget process, oversight of executive	Ch. 2, 10	The Constitution of the United States of America, <i>The Anti-Federalist</i> No. 17
	Checks and Balances	between President and Supreme Court	Ch. 2, 10	Chart: About America ( <i>Checks and Balances</i> )
	Influences/ Pressures/ Linkage Institutions	public opinion, elections and incumbency advantage, interest groups, political parties, media, President (budget battle), state/local governments	Ch. 4-10	<a href="http://www.votesmart.org">www.votesmart.org</a> ( <i>The Budget</i> )
	Features and Functions of the Presidency	requirements, salary, term, order of succession, leadership style, ceremonial duties, roles (head of state, chief executive, chief diplomat, commander-in-chief), Executive Office of the President, cabinet appointments	Ch. 2, 11	<i>The Federalist</i> No. 70 (Hamilton)
5	Presidential Powers	executive, legislative, diplomatic, military, judicial, veto power, political party, historical expansion and imperial presidency	Ch. 2, 11	<a href="http://www.pbs.org">www.pbs.org</a> (Bill Moyer's Journal, <i>The Imperial Presidency</i> ), <a href="http://www.thomas.loc.gov">www.thomas.loc.gov</a> ( <i>How Our Laws Are Made</i> ), <i>United States v. Nixon</i>
	Checks and Balances	between Congress and Supreme Court, congressional oversight	Ch. 2, 11	Chart: About America ( <i>Checks and Balances</i> )
	Influences/ Pressures/ Linkage Institutions	public opinion, elections, interest groups, political parties, media, Congress (budget battle, appointments), congressional oversight, state/local governments	Ch. 4-9, 11	<a href="http://www.gallup.com">www.gallup.com</a> , <a href="http://www.rasmussenreports.com">www.rasmussenreports.com</a> , <a href="http://www.people-press.org">www.people-press.org</a>

### Test #3: Congress and the Presidency

	Features and Functions of the Judiciary	structure, civil vs. criminal, selection/nomination/ confirmation of judges, activism vs. restraint	Ch. 2, 13	
	Powers of the Judiciary	constitutional interpretation, judicial review, precedents, informal powers, various landmark decisions	Ch. 2, 13-15	<i>The Federalist</i> No. 78, <i>Marbury v. Madison</i> , <i>Barron v. Baltimore</i>
6	Checks and Balances	between Congress and President	Ch. 2, 13	Chart: About America ( <i>Checks and Balances</i> )
	Influences/ Pressures/ Linkage Institutions	precedent, activism vs. restraint, public opinion, interest groups	Ch. 2, 13	<a href="http://www.worldnetdaily.com">www.worldnetdaily.com</a> ( <i>Judicial Activism or Restraint</i> , by Walter Williams), <a href="http://www.newyorktimes.com">www.newyorktimes.com</a> ( <i>So Who Are the Activists?</i> , by Paul Gewirtz and Chad Golder)

## TEST #4: The Judiciary

7	Features and Functions of the Bureaucracy	definition, goals, historical growth, data collection, transparency and accountability, network of agencies (departments, independent agencies, regulatory boards, commissions, government corporations)	Ch. 12	Chart: text pg. 409 ( <i>The Development and Relative Size of Cabinet Departments</i> ), <i>The Rise of the Bureaucratic State</i> , by James Q. Wilson
	Powers of the Bureaucracy	public policy, enforcement of executive and legislative policies	Ch. 12	
	Influences/ Pressures/ Linkage Institutions	Congress, congressional oversight, President, interest groups (issue networks, iron triangles)	Ch. 6, 10, 12	www.cnn.com ( <i>U.S. bureaucracy wastes billions, watchdog says</i> , by Ben Rooney), www.loc.gov (Official US Executive Branch Websites)
<b>TEST #5: The Bureaucracy</b>				

8	Features and Functions of State/Local Governments	structures of state/local governments	Ch. 3, 10-13	About America ( <i>State Governments, Local Governments</i> )
	Powers of State and Local Government	states (reserved powers), local (ordinances, zoning, taxes, services, financing)	Ch. 2-3	guest speaker from local government
	Influences/ Pressures	federalism (federal-to-state relationship, state-to-local relationship), interest groups, parties, elections, public opinion, media	Ch. 3	
<b>TEST #6: State and Local Government and Connections to Federalism</b>				

## Political Beliefs and Behaviors

9	Demographics	explore differing methods of classification (age, gender, race/ethnicity, political leanings, etc.)	Ch. 1, 4	www.census.gov ( <i>Statistical Abstract of the United States</i> )
	Political Socialization	sources (families, schools, religion, media, etc.), differences and the impact on the political system and public opinion	Ch. 1, 4	Table: text pg. 214 ( <i>Characteristics of Republican, Independents, and Democrats</i> )
10	Political Participation	driving purposes behind participation, various methods (voting, protest, parties, interest groups, mass demonstrations) and their impacts on the political system, linkage institutions	Ch. 1, 4, 9	
	Political Differences	causes, impacts on political culture and the political system	Ch. 1, 4	Chart: Pew Research Center ( <i>The Political Typology</i> )
	Public Opinion	polling (definition and various methods), impacts (President, Congress, elections, public policy)	Ch. 4, 10-13	www.gallup.com, www.rasmussenreports.com, www.people-press.org
<b>TEST #7: Demographics, Political Participation, and Public Opinion (Political Culture)</b>				

## Political Parties, Interest Groups, Elections, and Mass Media

	Foundations/ Purposes of Political Parties	development of the two-party system, structure and goals of political parties, impacts on elections and political process	Ch. 2, 7-8	AP Special Focus: <i>The Problem of Divided Government in an Era of Polarized Parties</i> , by Jeffrey A. Fine)
11	Party Ideology	platforms of two major parties, third parties, impact on elections and voting	Ch. 7-8	www.gop.com, www.democrats.org
	Functions of Political Parties	campaign and election strategies, effect on elections, finance, impacts of lobbying and PACs	Ch. 6-9	www.votesmart.org ( <i>Campaign Finance</i> )
	Purposes of Interest Groups and PACs	definition, goals, purpose and participation, examples (public/private/coalitions), PACs	Ch. 6, 8-9	About America ( <i>Nongovernmental organizations and institutions that influence public policy</i> ), Buckley v. Valeo
12	Functions of Interest Groups and PACs	fundraising, influence on policy, elections, public opinion, and public officials, elections	Ch. 6, 8-9	
	Lobbying	goals, lobbying techniques (direct/ indirect), impact on political culture and elections	Ch. 6, 8	www.opensecrets.com (Center for Responsive Politics), www.usnews.com (Top Industries giving money to Congress)

### TEST #8: Political Parties, Interest Groups, PACs, and Lobbying

	Electoral System	constitutional foundations, electoral college and process, state/local systems	Ch. 2, 8	About America ( <i>Elections and the electoral college</i> )
	Electoral Laws	limits on voting rights, campaign finance, election reform, voting districts	Ch. 8, 9, 15	<i>New York Times v. Sullivan</i> , <i>Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission</i> , www.fec.gov, <i>Baker v. Carr</i> , <i>Wesbury v. Sanders</i> , <i>Reynolds v. Sims</i>
13	Campaigns and Support	parties, polling, finance, interest groups, PACs, advertising, media	Ch. 4- 5, 7-9	Map: Campaign Finance (www.fec.gov) www.votesmart.org ( <i>Campaign Finance</i> )
	Voting Behaviors	turnout, results, statistics, demographics, parties, economic factors	Ch. 1, 7-9	www.electionstudies.org, www.csmonitor.com ( <i>Redistricting 101</i> , by Brad Knickerbocker, <i>How gerrymandering undermines democracy</i> , by Brad Reichert)

### TEST #9: Elections and Voting Behaviors

	Structure and Purpose of the Media	definition, profit-based competition, outlets (network/cable news, electronic, newspapers, magazines)	Ch. 5	Analysis: compare/contrast various news networks coverage of current issues
14	Impacts of the Media on the Political System	public opinion, public perception of issues/agendas, public policy, parties, relationship between politicians and the media	Ch. 4-5, 10-11	Analysis: check various "public opinion" polls of major news outlets
	Impacts of the Media on Candidates and Elections	voter perceptions of candidates, symbiotic/conflict-oriented relationship with candidates, impact on outcomes	Ch. 5, 10-11	
<b>TEST #10: The Media</b>				

<b>Public Policy</b>				
15	Formation of Public Policy	executive branch, legislative branch, bureaucracy (network of agencies), policy networks, iron triangles	Ch. 10-12, 16-19	AP Special Focus ( <i>Going Public and the Problem of Avoiding Presidential/Congressional Compromise</i> , by Lydia Andrade)
	Categories of Public Policy	domestic, social, foreign, military, differences in state/local policies	Ch. 16-19	AP Special Focus ( <i>War Powers, International Affairs, the President, and Congress</i> , by Adam Schiffer and Carrie Liu Currier)
16	Interpretation of Public Policy	judicial interpretation, effects on public opinion	Ch. 4, 13, 16-19	
	Influences on Public Policy	federalism (federal/state/local), parties, interest groups, public opinion, media, elections	Ch. 3-8	
17	Implementing Public Policy	federalism (federal/state/local), tools (budget, spending, executive orders, etc.), outcomes of policy (welfare state, health care, education, global issues)	Ch. 3-4, 16-19	<a href="http://www.irs.gov">www.irs.gov</a> ( <i>Understanding Taxes</i> ), <a href="http://www.treasury.gov">www.treasury.gov</a> (Budget-in-Brief FY2001-2012)
<b>TEST #11: Public Policy</b>				

### Civil Liberties and Civil Rights

17	Key Definitions	civil liberties, civil rights, substantive rights and liberties	Ch. 2, 14-15	Civil Rights Act of 1964, Voting Rights Act of 1965, <i>Plessy v. Ferguson</i> , <i>Brown v. Board</i> , <i>Roe v. Wade</i> , <i>Griswold v. Connecticut</i>
	Individual Liberties	1st Amendment, rights of the accused, rights of minority groups, rights of women	Ch. 2, 14-15	<i>The Anti-Federalist No. 84</i> , <i>Engel v. Vitale</i> , <i>Lemon v. Kurtzman</i> , <i>Reynolds v. United States</i> , <i>Schenck v. United States</i> , <i>Texas v. Johnson</i> , <i>Gideon v. Wainwright</i> , <i>Miranda v. Arizona</i>
	Role of the Supreme Court	judicial interpretation, 14th Amendment and incorporation, various salient landmark Supreme Court decisions and impacts on social change	Ch. 2, 13-15	<i>Ex Parte Milligan</i> , <i>Barron v. Baltimore</i> , <i>Gitlow v. New York</i> , <i>Mapp v. Ohio</i> , <i>Regents of the University of California v. Bakke</i> , <i>Grutter v. Bollinger</i>

### TEST #12: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights

### Comprehensive Final Exam

### FINAL EXAM: Everything is Fair Game