POLS 205

***American National Government***

Tentative Class Schedule

**Isaiah 33**
22 For the LORD is our judge,
the LORD is our lawgiver,
the LORD is our king;
it is he who will save us.

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Text: James Q. Wilson’s American Government, Brief Version, Wadsworth/Cengage, 11th edition. ISBN-10: 1133594379 ISBN-13: 9781133594376 This text is available from Cengage as an eBook.

Tentative American National Government Schedule

Unit **Reading Assignment**/Topics Covered Date

Why Politics? **Read Wilson, Chapter 1**

Introductions, Pre-Test and Class Syllabus - Highlighters January 12

The Role of Government January 14

 Politics, Power, & Other Dirty Words/Constitution 101 January 16

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. **Holiday** (Class will not meet.) January 19

The Constitution **Read Chapter 2**

                                                A Brief Historical Interlude… January 21

 1. If Angels Governed Angels… Checks & Balances January 23

                                                2. Federalism January 26

3. Judicial Review – Marbury and beyond January 28

                                                4. Limited Government; A Living Document January 30

***Constitution Quiz One, which covers the original seven Articles***

***is to be taken in the Testing Center between January 23 – 28.***

***Constitution Quiz Two, which covers Amendments 1-10 - The Bill of Rights***

***is to be taken in the Testing Center between January 29 - February 3.***

***Constitution Quiz Three, which covers Amendments 11-27***

***is to be taken in the Testing Center between February 5- February 10.***

**Review for Test One February 2**

**TEST ONE** February 4

Return and Review Test One (Patriots’ Day is Sept. 11) February 6

 The Legislative Branch **Read Chapter 9**

1. Constitution/History February 9

2. I'm Just a Bill…How Congress Works February 11

3. Power and Politics…How Congress Really Works February 13

                                                4. Apportionment (Maps) February 16

5. Appropriations (Money) February 18

ASI Speaker Archie Manning February 19

The Executive Branch **Read Chapter 10**

                                                1. Constitution/History February 20

                                               2. Presidential Hats February 23

3. Cabinets/The Executive Office of the President February 25

**Please notice: There is no in class presentation on the Bureaucracy, but there are test questions from the**

**following assigned pages. This is outside of class learning. Read pages 289-301 from Chapter 11,**

**and the summary on page 302.**

**TEST TWO** February 27

Return and Review Test Two March 2

The Judicial Branch **Read Chapter 12**

1. Constitution/History and the Federal Courts System March 4

                                                2. The Supreme Court March 6

**SPRING BREAK!!! March 7-15**

3. Judicial Activism March 16

ASI Speaker Dr Kent Brantley March 17

Elections **Pay attention to the readings, they get a little tricky.**

1. Constitution/History March18

2. Political Parties **Read Chapter 7, pages 138-157** March 20

3. Polls and Elections **Read Chapter 8** March 23

**TEST THREE** March 25

Return and Review Test Three March 27

Under Pressure  **There is a LOT of reading for this unit. Don’t fall behind!**

1. The Media **Chapter 6, pages 121-135** March 30

2. Interest Groups **Chapter 7, pages 157-173** April 1

 3. Lobbyists (Finish Chapter 7 readings) April 3

***The Extra Credit Constitution Quiz, which covers the entire Constitution***

 ***is to be taken in the Testing Center between April 6 and April 10.***

4. Pressure from State and Local Gov’t **Chapter 5** April 6

**TEST FOUR** April 8

Return and Review Test Four April 10

Civil Rights & Civil Liberties **Read Chapters 3 and 4**

1. Constitution/History and the Parable of the Sheep April 13

2.  The SPRAP Five: 1st Amendment Protections April 15

(April 15th is the last day to drop a class.)

3.   The Balance of the Bill of Rights April 17

4. Strange Math: Expanding on the Bill of Rights April 20

 5. The Struggle for Civil Rights; Colin, Karen and Condi April 22

ASI Speaker George Papandreou April 23

6. Christians in Government April 24\*

**TEST FIVE** and Post Test April 27\*

Return and Review Test Five April 29

Review Session for Final Exam May 1

\* Test 5 will be given on April 24 or April 27 at the teacher’s discretion.

Final Exam Schedule:

MWF 12:00 class - Wednesday, May 6th at 1:00-3:00

MWF 2:00 class - Tuesday, May 5th at 1:00-300

MWF 3:00 class - Monday, May 4th at 3:30-5:30

I want you to be well prepared to understand the topics which are being presented and discussed in class; therefore it is very important that you keep up with the readings. Read the assigned chapters before the scheduled lectures on the topics and you will have an excellent foundation for learning in the classroom. If you read them during the time we are discussing the topic in class, they will provide reinforcement for what we are learning. If you read them before the test as a review, they will provide a comprehensive overview of the topic. I don’t care when you read ‘em. Just read ‘em! **There will always be test questions taken only from the readings. Do your readings or gnomes will come in and eat your grades up.**

Harding Hacks - Learning Enhancement Seminars!
(Extra Credit Opportunity)

The Center for Student Success and HU Square 1 are excited to announce the "HU Hacks" seminar schedule for the spring semester.  You are encouraged to attend these seminars! Exact dates, times and locations will be announced in chapel prior to each individual seminar.  We are excited to expand HU Hacks this semester and look forward to a great spring of blessing students!

Seminar 1 (week of Jan. 19-23): Can You Canvas? Helping students learn the ins and outs of Canvas.

Seminar 2 (week of Jan. 26-30): The Library: Utilizing resources

Seminar 3 (week of Feb. 2-6): Time keeps on slippin', slippin'.... just like my grades: Helping students acquire some tips and tricks for time management

Seminar 4 (week of Feb. 9-13): Effective and Efficient: A seminar on memory and learning styles

Seminar 5 (week of Feb. 23-37): Blessed Mess: Learn how to manage your Stress!

Seminar 6 (week of March 16-20): Getting Over the Hump: Helping students to finish strong!

Seminar 7 (week of April 6-10): Deciding on "the One": Helping students select the right major for their professional goals

Seminar 8 (week of April 13-17): Properly Prepared: Anxiety-free test taking strategies

Seminar 9 (week of April 20-24): Make the most of Social Media