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, 13th edition. ISBN-10: 1-305-95634-6 ISBN-13: 978-1-305-95634-6. 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 14

The Role of Government January 16

 Politics, Power, & Other Dirty Words/Constitution 101 January 18

January 21 – Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – No classes

The Constitution **Read Chapter 2**

                                                A Brief Historical Interlude… January 23

 1. If Angels Governed Angels… Checks & Balances January 25

                                                2. Federalism January 28

3. Judicial Review – Marbury and beyond January 30

                                                4. Limited Government; A Living Document February 01

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

***is to be taken in the Testing Center between January 23-25.***

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

***is to be taken in the Testing Center between January 28-30.***

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

***is to be taken in the Testing Center between January 31-February 04.***

***Constitution Quizzes are outside of class learning.***

Review for Test One February 04

TEST ONE February 06

Return and Review Test One February 08

 The Legislative Branch **Read Chapter 9**

1. Constitution/History February 11

2. I'm Just a Bill…How Congress Works February 13

3. Power and Politics…How Congress Really Works February 15

                                                4. Apportionment (Maps) February 18

5. Appropriations (Money) February 20

The Executive Branch **Read Chapter 10**

                                                1. Constitution/History February 22

                                               2. Presidential Hats February 25

3. Cabinets/The Executive Office of the President February 27

**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. From Chapter 11, read pages 221-226, and the Learning Objectives Summary on page 238.**

**TEST TWO** March 01

Return and Review Test Two March 04

The Judicial Branch **Read Chapter 12**

1. Constitution/History and the Federal Courts System March 06

***Reading Quiz March 04-08***

                                                2. The Supreme Court March 08

**SPRING BREAK March 09-17**

3. Judicial Activism March 18

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

1. Constitution/History March 20

2. Political Parties **Read Chapter 7, pages 121-134** March 22

3. Polls and Elections **Read Chapter 8** March 25

**TEST THREE** March 27

Return and Review Test Three March 29

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

1. The Media **Chapter 6, pages 107-120** April 01

2. Interest Groups **Chapter 7, pages 134-143** April 03

 3. Lobbyists (Finish Ch. 7 readings if you haven’t.) April 05

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

 ***is to be taken in the Testing Center between April 08-12.***

4. Pressure from State and Local Gov’t **Chapter 3** April 08

**TEST FOUR** April 10

Return and Review Test Four April 12

Civil Rights & Civil Liberties **Read Chapters 4 and 5**

1. Constitution/History and the Parable of the Sheep April 15

2.  The SPRAP Five: 1st Amendment Protections April 17

3.   The Balance of the Bill of Rights April 19

4. Strange Math: Expanding on the Bill of Rights April 22

***Reading Quiz April 15-19***

 5. The Struggle for Civil Rights; Colin, Karen and Condi April 24

APRIL 24 - LAST DAY TO DROP

6. Christians in Government April 26

**TEST FIVE** and Post Test April 29

Return and Review Test Five May 01

Review Session for Final Exam May 03

Final Exam Schedule:

MWF 12:00 class - Wednesday, May 8th at 1:00-3:00

MWF 2:00 class - Tuesday, May 7th at 1:00-300

MWF 3:00 class - Monday, May 6th 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.**