

POS 719
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T, Th 11:15- 12:15
Th after class or by appt.

Assignments

- General class reading on reserve
- 4 book critiques and class presentations
- Critiques due 1 week after presentation. Hard copy only (no e-mail).
- After one un-excused absence, grade will be negatively affected

Course Outline

Jan 19 – Introduction

Feb 2 – The Contemporary American Political Scene

- a. Feb 9 – Who runs for office?
- b. Feb 16 – What difference does it make?
- c. Feb 23 – Who votes?

- a. Mar 2 – How do campaigns work?
- b. Mar 9 – Who pays?
Mar 16 – Spring break.
- c. Mar 23 – The Media is the message.
- a. Mar 30 – Redistricting.

- b. April 6 – Direct Democracy.
- c. April 13 – Political Parties.
- a. April 20 - Special Interests.
- b. April 27 – Culture of Corruption.

- c. May 4 – Questions of Legitimacy.
May 11 – Political Bestsellers.