

**PSC 101.1**  
**Introduction to American Politics**  
**Summer Session II, June 4<sup>th</sup>-July 6<sup>th</sup> 2007**  
**M-F 7:30a.m. – 9:30a.m.**  
**WRI C235**

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**The Course:** An introduction to American politics.

**The Text:** James Q. Wilson, American Government, Brief Version

**Supplemental Readings:** Four readings, to be announced, will be available on E-Reserve. Summarize then critically comment in two pages.

- 1<sup>st</sup> paper due: **Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> paper due: **Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> paper due: **Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**
- 4<sup>th</sup> paper due: **Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**

### **Academic Integrity**

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For this course, any attempt to cheat on an examination or to present someone else’s work (including material copied from the Internet) as your own for a written assignment will be subject to the most severe penalty the University allows.

### **Classroom Etiquette**

Students must arrive on time and be prepared to begin class on time. If late arrivals become a problem, the doors will be locked once class has started. Cell phones and pagers must be turned off and stored out of sight. No recording devices will be permitted. No one should talk while someone else is talking, nor should there be any comments meant for a classmate rather than the entire group. Classroom behavior should always be courteous, respectful of others, and consistent with the expectations set forth by the university.

### **Religious Holidays**

If the date of any of the examinations conflicts with a religious holiday that you observe, the instructor must be notified at least 2 weeks prior to the examination so that alternative arrangements can be made.

### **Official Extracurricular Activity**

If the date of any of the examinations conflicts with an official extracurricular activity, the instructor must be provided official written notification no less than 1 week prior to the examination so that alternative arrangements can be made.

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**Examinations:** There will be five examinations, including a final, which is not comprehensive. Examination dates are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> exam: **Friday June 8<sup>th</sup> (Chapters 1 & 2)**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> exam: **Monday June 18<sup>th</sup> (Chapters 3 & 4)**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> exam: **Monday June 25<sup>th</sup> (Chapters 6 & 7)**
- 4<sup>th</sup> exam: **Monday July 2<sup>nd</sup> (Chapters 8 & 9)**
- Final: **Friday July 6<sup>th</sup> (Chapter 11)**

## **Topics, Readings, and Examination Dates:**

### Week I

Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>: About American Government, Chapter 1  
Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>: The Constitution, Chapter 2  
Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>: The Constitution, Chapter 2  
Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>: The Constitution, Chapter 2  
Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>: Exam 1, Chapter 1-2

### Week II

Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>: Civil Liberties & Civil Rights, Chapter 3- Reading 1 due  
Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>: Civil Liberties & Civil Rights, Chapter 3  
Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>: Civil Liberties & Civil Rights, Chapter 3  
Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>: Federalism, Chapter 4  
Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>: Chapter 4- Reading 2 due

### Week III

Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>: Exam 2, Chapters 3 & 4  
Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>: Political Parties, Chapter 6  
Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>: Political Parties & Interest Groups, Chapter 6  
Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>: Interest Groups, Chapter 6  
Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>: Campaigns & Elections, Chapter 7- Reading 3 due

### Week IV

Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>: Exam 3, Chapters 6 & 7  
Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>: Congress, Chapter 8  
Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>: Congress, Chapter 8  
Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>: Presidency, Chapter 9  
Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>: Presidency, Chapter 9- Reading 4 due

### Week V

Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>: Exam 4, Chapters 8 & 9  
Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>: The Judiciary, Chapter 11  
Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>: No Class  
Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup>: The Judiciary, Chapter 11  
Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>: Final Exam, Chapter 11