

PSC 101 Section 001
Introduction to American Politics
WRI 305
Monday-Friday, 7:30-9:30 AM

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The Course

An introduction to the U.S. Political System.

The Text

Please purchase James Q. Wilson, American Government, Brief Version, 7th edition.

Articles on E-Reserve

“The Rape of Appalachia” by Michael Shayerson
“The Day after Roe” by Jeffrey Rosen
“Washington’s Invisible Man” by David Margolick
“While Washington Slept” by Mark Hersgaard

Online Study Guide

politicalscience.college.hmco.com

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Official Extracurricular Activity

If the date of any of the examinations conflicts with an official extracurricular activity, notify the instructor at least 2 weeks prior to the examination and provide official written notification no less than 1 week prior to the examination.

Topics, Reading Assignments and Exam Dates

I. What we should know about American Government

Text, Chapter 1 *

“The Rape of Appalachia,” on E-Reserve. Summarize and comment upon this article for an in-class essay on Monday, June 12th

II. The Constitution

Text, Chapter 2 *

III. Civil Liberties and Civil Rights

Text, Chapter 3 *

“The Day after Roe,” on E-Reserve *

Thursday, June 14th, Exam 1 covers * above

IV. Federalism

Text, Chapter 4 #

V. Political Parties and Interest Groups

Text, Chapter 6 #

“Washington’s Invisible Man,” on E-Reserve #

VI. Campaigns and Elections

Text, Chapter 7 #

Wednesday, June 21st, Exam 2 covers # above

VII. Congress

Text, Chapter 8 (3)

“While Washington Slept,” on E-Reserve (3)

VIII. The Presidency

Text, Chapter 9 (3)

Thursday, June 29th, Exam 3 covers (3) above

IX. The Judiciary

Text, Chapter 11 (F)

X. Making Foreign and Military Policy

Text, Chapter 13 (F)

XI. Nevada Government

Handout (F)

Friday, July 7th, Final Exam covers (F) above