

Course Outline & Assignments

- Week 1 Introduction to the Course and the Field of Politics (Bardes Ch. 1)
- Week 2 American Political Traditions and Ideology (Parenti Chs.1 & 5, Serow Part 1, Federalist Papers #1)
- Week 3 The Constitution: Blue Print for a Government (Bardes Ch. 2, Parenti, Chs. 2 & 3, Korey Chs.1, 2, Federalist Papers # 37)
- Week 4 Federalism in Theory and Practice (Bardes Ch. 3, Serow Part 4, Federalist Papers # 45 & 47)
- Week 5 Civil Liberties & Civil Rights (Bardes Chs. 4, 5, Serow, Part 9, Federalist Papers # 51 & 84)
***Exam #1**
- Week 6 Public Opinion & Political Socialization (Bardes Ch. 6, Korey 3, Serow, Part 10)
- Week 7 Political Interest Groups & Lobbyists (Bardes Ch. 7, Korey 4, Serow, Part 11)
- Week 8 Political Parties (Bardes Ch. 8, Korey 4, Serow, Part 13, Parenti, Ch.12, Federalist Papers # 10)
- Week 9 Campaigns, Voting, Elections & Media (Bardes Ch. 9, Korey 5, Serow, Part 12)
- Week 10 The Media (Bardes Ch. 9, Serow, Part 14, Parenti Ch. 13)
***Exam #2**
- Week 11 The Congress (Bardes Ch. 10, Korey 6, Serow, Part 5, Parenti, Ch. 15, Federalist Papers # 47, 48, 62)
- Week 12 The Presidency (Bardes Ch. 11, Korey 7, Serow, Parts 6 & 7, Parenti, Ch. 16, Federalist Papers # 70)
***Research Paper Due**
- Week 13 The Bureaucracy (Bardes Ch. 12, Parenti, Ch. 7)
- Week 14 The Judiciary (Bardes Ch. 13, Korey 8, Serow, Part 8, Parenti, Chs. 9 & 18, Federalist Papers # 78)
- Week 15 Foreign & Defense Policy (Bardes Ch. 15, Serow, Part 16, Parenti, Chs. 10 & 11)
- Week 16 ***Final Exam**