Course Outline & Assignments

8/26- 9/1	Introduction to the Course and the Field of Politics (Bardes, Ch. 1, Lecture Ch.1)
9/ 2- 9/8	American Political Traditions and Ideology (Lecture Ch.1)
9/ 9- 9/15	The Constitution: Blue Print for a Government (Bardes, Ch. 2, Korey, Chs.1, 2, Lecture Ch. 2)
9/16-9/22	*Online Discussion # 1
9/23-9/29	Federalism in Theory and Practice (Bardes, Ch. 3, Lecture Ch. 3)
9/30-10/6	Civil Liberties & Civil Rights (Bardes, Chs. 4, 5, Lecture Chs. 4, 5)
9/30-10/6	*Exam #1
10/7-10/13	Public Opinion & Political Socialization (Bardes, Ch. 6, Korey, Ch. 3, Lecture Ch. 6)
10/14-10/20	Political Interest Groups & Lobbyists (Bardes, Ch. 7, Korey, Ch. 4, Lecture Ch. 7)
10/21-10/27	Political Parties (Bardes, Ch. 8, Korey, Ch. 4, Lecture Ch.8)
10/21-10/27	*Online Discussion # 2
10/28-11/3	Campaigns, Voting, Elections & Media (Bardes, Ch. 9, Korey, Ch. 5, Lecture Ch. 9)
10/28-11/13	*Exam #2
11/ 4-11/10	Congress (Bardes, Ch. 10, Korey, Ch. 6, Lecture Ch. 10)
11/11-11/17	Presidency (Bardes, Ch. 11, Korey, Ch. 7, Lecture Ch. 11)
11/11-11/17	*Online Discussion # 3
11/18-11/24	Bureaucracy (Bardes, Ch. 12, Lecture Ch. 12)
11/18-11/24	*Research Paper Due
11/25-12/ 1	Judiciary (Bardes, Ch. 13, Korey, Ch. 8, Lecture Ch. 13)
12/ 2-12/ 8	Foreign & Defense Policy (Bardes, Ch. 15, Lecture Ch. 15)
12/ 9- 12/ 13	*Final Exam