

Course Outline & Assignments

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