

AP[®] U.S. Government & Politics

Syllabus 1

Course Plan

Text

James M. Burns, et. al., *Government by the People*, 18th ed. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2000.

Numerous current news reports and commentary from major newspapers, television, and the Internet are utilized in daily coursework.

Constitutional Underpinnings [CR1]

Day	Lesson	Articles/Charts/ Tables	Homework (pages in text)
1	Syllabus Read through the U.S. Constitution		1-8
2	Democracy in the United States: Constitutional Underpinnings		9-19
3	Ch. 1 Vocabulary Quiz Begin: Origins of the American Republic		23-28
4	Finish: Origins of American Republic Principles of the Constitution: I, II only (Sep. of Powers, Checks/Bal.)		28-34
5	Continue Principles of the Constitution: III, IV only (Limited Government, Judicial Review)	<i>Federalist # 51</i>	34-42
6	Ch. 2 Vocabulary Quiz	<i>Federalist #51 [CR8]</i>	53-57
	Continue Principles: V and VI only (Informal/Formal Changes to the Constitution Discuss <i>Federalist #51</i>		
7	Origins of American Federalism	Chart: Downside of Federalism [CR7]	57-63
	Continue Discussing <i>Federalist #51</i>	Chart: Monthly Welfare Benefits	
8	Structure of American Federalism (use printed notes)		63-67
	Free-Response Writing Guide Go over Free-Response Writing Guide		
9	American Federalism: States Rights v. Nationalism List of Mandates	Chart: Tennessee Cost of Mandates	67-69

CR1—The course provides instruction in the constitutional underpinnings of the U.S. government.

CR8 —The course includes supplemental readings, including primary source materials (such as The Federalist Papers) and contemporary news analyses.

CR7—The course provides students with practice in analyzing and interpreting data and other information relevant to U.S. government and politics.

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10	Federalism and Federal Grants Federal Mandates	Chart: Fiscal Dependency [CR7] Chart: Federal Grants in Aid	69-72
11	Ch. 3 Vocabulary Quiz Politics of American Federalism Review Free-Response Writing Guide		
12	Unit exam: 50 multiple-choice, one free-response [CR9]		155-162

CR7—The course provides students with practice in analyzing and interpreting data and other information relevant to U.S. government and politics.

CR9—The course requires students to answer analytical and interpretive free-response questions on a frequent basis.

Political Beliefs/Political Behaviors [CR2]

Day	Lesson	Articles/Charts/Tables	Homework
13	Political Culture	Chart: Trust in Government	162-171
	News Analysis: Political Participation		
14	Ch. 7 Vocabulary Quiz Ideology and the American People (use highlighted text) Group grading of free-response question		253-256
15	Public Opinion		256-261
16	Political Socialization		261-269
17	Voter Turnout	Chart: Voter Turnout Federal Election Chart: Voter Turnout by Groups	269-272
18	Ch. 11 Vocabulary Quiz	Midterm Election Losses	275-278
	Voter Behavior	Chart: Presidential Vote by Groups Chart: Changing Patterns VB Chart: Gains/Losses by Presidential Party	279-283
19	Congressional Elections	Chart: Congressional Incumbency Reelection 60 percent+ Chart: Congressional Incumbency Reelection Rates	283-289
20	Path to the Presidency	Front Loading	278-279
21	Electoral College (use handout) Begin Campaign Finance	Map: 2000 Electoral College Map [CR7]	289-301
22	Ch. 12 Vocabulary Quiz	Chart: Spending Congressional Election	

CR2—The course provides instruction in political beliefs and political behaviors.

Day	Lesson	Articles/Charts/Tables	Homework
	Finish Campaign Finance	Chart: Sources of Campaign Funding	
23	Unit Exam: 50 multiple choice, one free-response [CR9]		203–212

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Interest Groups/Political Parties/Media [CR3]

Day	Lesson	Articles/Charts/Tables	Homework
24	Interest Groups: Reasons for Growth		212–216
	Begin Types of Interest Groups		
25	Finish Types of Interest Groups		216–218
	Tactics of Interest Groups	<i>Federalist #10</i>	
	Reasons for Joining Interest Groups		
	Factors Influencing Interest Group Strength		
26	Lobbying Discuss <i>Federalist #10</i>	<i>Federalist #10</i> [CR8]	218–224
27	Ch. 9 Vocabulary Quiz	Chart: Top Ten PACs	227–232
	PACs	Chart: PAC Contributions to Congressional Candidates	
	Continue discussing <i>Federalist #10</i>	Chart: PAC Contributions to Win House News analysis: PAC Money	
28	Functions of Political Parties	Map: Split District Outcomes	232–236
29	Rise of Political Parties	Chart: Partisan ID	236–245
30	Party Weakness Impact of Parties on Government		245–249
31	Ch. 10 Vocabulary Quiz Realignment or Dealignment? Party Reform	Chart: Party Votes in House	305–317
32	Who Are the Mass Media?	News Analysis: National Nominating Convention TV Coverage [CR8]	317–323
	Media and Public Opinion	More Convention Coverage	
33	Ch. 13 Vocabulary Quiz	Chart: Number of Presidential Press Conferences	
	Effect of Media on Politics	Coverage of Conventions on Network TV [CR8]	
34	Unit Exam: 50 multiple choice, 1 free response [CR9]		

CR3—The course provides instruction in political parties, interest groups, and mass media.

CR8 —The course includes supplemental readings, including primary source materials (such as *The Federalist Papers*) and contemporary news analyses.

Institutions [CR4]

CR4—The course provides instruction in institutions of national government.

Day	Lesson	Articles/Charts/Tables	Homework
35	Evolution of Congress		
36	Overview of Congress		327–329
37	Incumbency Advantage	Constituent Contact w/ Incumbency Map: Turnover in House Map: 2000 Congressional Reapportionment	329–332
38	Powers of Congress		333–337
39	Leadership in Congress		338–344
40	Influences on Congress		344–349
	Begin How a Bill Becomes Law		
41	Finish How a Bill Becomes Law		349–353
	Committee System (use handout)		
42	Ch. 14 Vocabulary Quiz	Approval of Representatives	357–61
	Finish Committee System		
	Case Against Congress		
43	Overview of Presidency (use handout)	Chart: Presidential Approval	361–67
	Growth of Presidential Power	Chart: Presidential Success in Congress	
44	Finish Growth of Presidential Power	Chart: Presidential Vetoes	367–370
	Roles of President		379–380
45	Begin Presidential Support Staff		376–379
46	Finish Presidential Support Staff		370–376
	Making the Presidency Safe and Effective		
47	Ch. 15 Vocabulary Quiz		
	Congress v. President		
48	Imperial Presidency	News Analysis: Treaties/Exec. Agreements	
49	Congress Responds to Imperial Presidency		385–392
	Imperial Congress		
50	Introduction to Federal Courts (use handout)	Chart: Types of Supreme Court cases <i>Federalist #78</i>	392–401
51	Federal Attorneys and Judges	Presidential Appointees to Judiciary	401–406
	Discuss <i>Federalist #78</i>	<i>Federalist #78</i>	

52	The Supreme Court	Supreme Court Caseload	406–409
	Continue discussion <i>Federalist #78</i>		
53	Ch. 16 Vocab. Quiz		413–421
	Judicial Activism v. Judicial Restraint		
54	Structure of the Bureaucracy	Fed./State/Local Employees	421–427
	Growth of the Bureaucracy		
55	Influences on Bureaucratic Behavior	Chart: Character of Fed. Employees	427–430
56	Controlling the Bureaucracy		430–432
57	Ch. 17 Vocabulary Quiz	Number of Pages in Federal Register	
	Evaluation of the Bureaucracy		
58	Unit Exam on Institutions: 100 multiple choice		
59	Unit Exam on Institutions: two free response [CR9]	Cost-Ben	435–444

CR9—The course requires students to answer analytical and interpretive free-response questions on a frequent basis.

Public Policy [CR5]

Day	Lesson	Articles/Charts/Tables	Homework
60	(Public Policy Process handout)	Types of Public Policies	444–450
	Begin Taxing and Spending	Chart: Sources of Fed. Revenue Chart: Federal Expenditures Chart: Government. Spending	
61	Finish Taxing and Spending	Chart: Outlays as % of GDP	450–455
	Managing the Economy	Chart: Surpluses & Deficits Chart: National Debt Chart: Debt as % of GDP	
62	Government. Regulation of Business	Chart: Labor & Management	455–463
63	Ch. 18 Vocabulary Quiz		467–476
	Environmental Policy		
	Deregulation		
64	Government. Subsidies	Chart: Social Services Spending Chart: Entitlements/ Discretionary Spending	477–487
65	Health Care and Education		498–508
66	Makers of Foreign Policy		

CR5—The course provides instruction in public policy.

Day	Lesson	Articles/Charts/Tables	Homework
67	Unit Exam on Public Policy: free response only [CR9] Begin Principles of Civil Liberties and Civil Rights		75–77

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Civil Liberties/Civil Rights [CR6]

Day	Lesson	Articles/Charts/Tables	Homework
68	Finish Principles of Civil Liberties and Civil Rights		77–81
69	Freedom of Religion		81–85
70	Freedom of Speech		85–93
71	Freedom of the Press		93–95
72	Ch. 4 Vocabulary Quiz		
	Freedom of Petition and Assembly		
	Begin the Struggle for Equal Rights		99–110
73	Finish Struggle for Equal Rights		111–17
	Begin Equal Protection under the Law		119–23
74	Finish Equal Protection under the Law		
	Barriers to Voting	Chart: Blacks, Hispanic, Women Legislators	117–119
75	Ch. 5 Vocabulary Quiz		127–34
	Private Discrimination and the Federal Response		134–138 Cit. notes
76	Life, Liberty, Property and Due Process of Law		
	Right of Privacy		138–144
77	Arrests, Questioning, and Imprisonment		144–151
78	Ch. 6 Vocabulary Quiz		
	Rights of an Accused Person		
79	Unit Exam: 50 multiple choice, one free response [CR9]		

CR6—The course provides instruction in civil rights and civil liberties.

Reviews and Final Exam

Day	Lesson	Articles/Charts/Tables	Homework
80–84	Review for final exam		
85	Final exam: 60 multiple choice, three free response questions [CR9]		