

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**