

POLITICAL SCIENCE 100

INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

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TEXT:

Magleby, et. al., **Government By the People**, Brief 7th edition .
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www.coursesmart.com)

READINGS

A. FOUNDATIONS OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

1. AMERICAN POLITICAL CULTURE

Magleby , ch. 3. 4

*Alexis de Tocqueville, selection from Democracy in America at
<http://xroads.virginia.edu/~HYPER/DETOC/preface.htm> and
http://xroads.virginia.edu/~HYPER/DETOC/ch2_02.htm

2. THE CONSTITUTION

Magleby , ch. 1

the Federalist Papers, No. 10, 51 (back of text)

3. FEDERALISM

Magleby , ch. 2

4. POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

Magleby , ch. 6, pp. 170-191

5. VOTING AND ELECTIONS

Magleby , ch. 6, pp. 191-213

B. THE LINKAGE INSTITUTIONS

6. POLITICAL PARTIES

Magleby , ch. 5, pp. 132-148

7. INTEREST GROUPS

Magleby , ch. 5, pp. 148-169

8. MASS MEDIA

Magleby , ch. 7

C. THE GOVERNING INSTITUTIONS

9. CONGRESS

Magleby , ch. 8

10. THE PRESIDENCY AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Magleby , ch. 9,10

11. THE COURTS

Magleby , ch. 11

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Political Science 100 is a survey of our political culture, constitutional development and the structure and functions of our national government and informal institutions, such as parties. The uniqueness of the American system will be emphasized.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

Class attendance may not be taken everyday, although it will be taken at random. Class attendance and participation will be counted as 10% of your grade.

COURSE GRADES

class attendance and participation	10%
participation in Fantasy Congress and paper	15%
2 tests	Each 25%
final	25%

(ANY WORK HANDED IN LATE WILL BE PENALIZED)

There will be no makeups, no whining and no late papers accepted after Reading Day.

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