

# POLITICAL SCIENCE 100

## INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

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### **TEXT:**

Magleby, et. al., **Government By the People**, Brief 7<sup>th</sup> edition

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### 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](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 and paper about fantasy Congress	15%
2 tests	Each 25%
final	25%

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