1. Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is central to the intellectual life of the University. Students are expected to uphold the highest standards of academic honesty in all aspects of their academic work, including written assignments, examinations, and discussions. Students who violate academic integrity policies will face serious consequences, which may include, but are not limited to, expulsion from the University.

II. Attendance Policy

Attendance at all class sessions is mandatory. Absences will be historically recorded and will affect the final grade. The following is a list of acceptable justifications for absence:

- Illness
- Family emergencies
- University-sponsored events
- Academic appointments
- Religious observance
- Military service

III. Course Evaluation

The course evaluation will be based on the following components:

- Participation (50%)
- Written assignments (25%)
- Exams (25%)

IV. Course Readings

The course will cover the following key readings:

- "American Government: The Essentials" by John J. DiIulio
- "The Essentials" by James Q. Wilson

V. Course Objectives

The course objectives are to:

- Develop an understanding of the American political system
- Analyze the functioning of American government institutions
- Understand the role of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches
- Evaluate the impact of political parties and interest groups
- Explore the role of political ideology in shaping policy decisions
- Understand the impact of economic and social policies on American society
III. National Institutions of Government

IV. Wilson Ch. 7: Political Parties

V. Wilson Ch. 7: Political Parties (cont.)

VI. Wilson Ch. 7: Political Parties (cont.)

VII. Wilson Ch. 6: Political Participation

Robert Primus - "Powering Alone" (on Reserve, Library)

Selection from Althus, L. Toward a Democratic in America (on Reserve, Library)

Selection from the Anti-Federalists (on Reserve, Library)

The Constitution

Wilson Ch. 2 (cont.)

Wilson Ch. 2 (cont.)

Wilson Ch. 2 (cont.)

Wilson Ch. 2 (cont.)

I. The Constitutional Framework of the American Federal System

II. Course Schedule (Subject to Revision)

Please note: the student is responsible for all assigned reading, as well as the content of class lectures. Any material from the assigned readings and lectures may be tested.

Public Policy

VII. CivLib: Congress and the Presidency

National Political Institutions (Congress, Presidency, Political Parties and Elections)

Revolution and Early Republican

VIII. General Course Outline

Academic dishonesty will result in a failing grade and disciplinary action by the University. Plagiarism, cheating, or any other form of academic dishonesty is to be strict. No evidence of another person and/or acknowledgment of another person is allowed. This is the only way in which we truly learn. Plagiarism is not something that we respect.

Integrity is as important as personal effort. It requires serious effort to read and think and write about things on our own. Because we are encouraged to search for wisdom that is both personal and communal and that is practiced on
12/17 Final Exam 4:15-6:45pm
12/13 Reading Day, No class
Long Paper due
12/8 Wilson Ch. 17: Public Policy
A. Public Policy

11/26 Wilson Ch. 16 (cont.)
11/29 Wilson Ch. 15 (cont.) and Wilson Ch. 16: Civil Rights
11/24 Transatlantic Holiday, No class.
11/17 Wilson Ch. 16: Civil Rights
11/15 Wilson Ch. 14: Judiciaty
11/10 Test #2
11/8 Wilson Ch. 12 (cont.)
11/5 Wilson Ch. 12 (cont.) Federalist Papers 78, 79, 80
11/3 Wilson Ch. 12: Presidency
10/27 Wilson Ch. 11 (cont.) Federalist Papers 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 62, 63
10/25 Wilson Ch. 11 (cont.)
10/20 Wilson Ch. 11: Congress
10/18 Wilson Ch. 8 (cont.)
10/13 Fall Break, No class