

Textbooks:

1. *We the People 5th edition*, Ginsberg, Lowi & Weir, W.W. Norton.
2. Watch and listen to the news as it pertains to American Government.

Objective: To gain an understanding of the American political system, including the government; the media; the role of public opinion and polls; public policy; interest groups; and U.S. foreign policy.

Evaluation:

Each of the below will be discussed more in class and you can find detailed information on these assignments on the WebCT course page.

Evaluation:

1. Online quizzes on WebCT. (worth 280 pts.) There will be **NO MAKE-UP** quizzes. **NO LATE QUIZZES.**
 - There are 15 quizzes, 10 questions each.
 - Each quiz is worth up to 20 points toward your final grade (14x20 pts .= 280 total points possible).
 - Lowest quiz grade will be dropped.
 - The quiz becomes available at 1:00 a.m. on the morning it is due.
 - IT IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE after 11:59 p.m. on that evening.
 - Don't push the time restriction because your watch may reflect a different time than your computer.
 - You have 15 minutes to complete the quiz.
 - **WARNING:**
 - 15 minutes **WILL NOT** give you enough time to research the answer if you have not previously read the material.
 - Use your time wisely.

Quiz	Day	Chapter	Quiz	Day	Chapter
1	Day 2 6/5 Tues.	Text Chapter 1	9	Day 10 6/18 Mon.	Text Chapter 6
2	Day 3 6/6 Wed.	Text Chapter 2	10	Day 11 6/19 Tues.	Text Chapter 7
3	Day 4 6/7 Thurs.	Text Chapter 3	11	Day 13 6/20 Wed.	Text Chapter 11
4	Day 5 6/11 Mon.	Text Chapter 4	12	Day 14 6/21 Thurs.	Text Chapter 16
5	Day 6 6/12 Tues.	Text Chapter 5	13	Day 15 6/22 Fri.	Text Chapter 17
6	Day 7 6/13 Wed.	Text Chapter 12	14	Day 16 6/25 Mon.	Text Chapter 18
7	Day 8 6/14 Thur.	Text Chapter 13	15	Day 17 6/26 Tues.	Current Events/News
8	Day 9 6/15 Fri.	Text Chapter 15			

Final grade based on total points available 280:

A= 90-100% or 252-280 pts.
D=60-69% or 168-195 pts.

B= 80-89% or 224-251 pts.
F= below 60% or 168 pts.

C= 70-79% or 196-223 pts.

Absence Policy: Attendance for the first and only in class day June 4 is a requirement of this course. Failure to attend this class may result in the student being dropped from the course.

General information:

- Rude behavior, as defined by the instructor, will not be tolerated. Such behavior will result in the student being removed from the class. This rule applies to ALL forms of communication between the student and the instructor and between the student and their colleagues.
- **No late** quizzes/assignments will be accepted.
- No grades can be discussed, posted, or given out via the email or the phone. The instructor can ONLY talk with the student regarding their grade. The instructor can discuss students' grades with other individuals only if written permission from the student is given to the professor.
- Students with special needs are required to present their material outlining their need to the instructor during the first week of class. Arranging with the instructor any special services is the student's responsibility.
- Students are expected to check the WebCT course page DAILY, including WebCT email and announcements.
- This syllabus is not designed to cover every aspect of the course. In class/online instructions regarding the course, are equally important; therefore, any instructions given in class, but missed by the student, or misunderstood by the student, are the student's responsibility.
- Students do not have permission to use the course materials in any way other than as instructed by the professor.
- Students may not record or reproduce class materials without expressed written consent of the professor.

Professor reserves the right to make changes to the course:

Day 1 6/4 Monday	Introduction/Background	NO QUIZ
Day 2 6/5 Tuesday	Government Module 1 Chapter 1	Quiz 1
Day 3 6/6 Wednesday	The Constitution Module 2 Chapter 2	Quiz 2
Day 4 6/7 Thursday	Federalism Module 3 Chapter 3	Quiz 3
Day 5 6/8 Friday	Civil Rights Module 4	NO QUIZ

	Chapter 4	
Day 6 6/11 Monday	Civil Rights Module 4	Quiz 4
Day 7 6/12 Tuesday	Civil Liberties Module 5 Chapter 5	Quiz 5
Day 8 6/13 Wednesday	Congress Module 6 Chapter 12	Quiz 6
Day 9 6/14 Thursday	Executive Module 7 Chapter 13	Quiz 7
Day 10 6/15 Friday	The Judiciary Module 8 Chapter 15	Quiz 8
Day 11 6/18 Monday	Public Opinion Module 9 Chapter 6	Quiz 9
Day 12 6/19 Tuesday	Media Module 10 Chapter 7	Quiz 10
Day 13 6/20 Wednesday	Groups Module 11 Chapter 11	Quiz 11
Day 14 6/21 Thursday	Public Policy/Economic Module 12 Chapter 16	Quiz 12
Day 15 6/22 Friday	Social Policy Module 13 Chapter 17	Quiz 13
Day 16 6/25 Monday	Foreign Policy Module 14 Chapter 18	Quiz 14
Day 17 6/26 Tuesday Last day of class	Current Events	Quiz 15