

SYLLABUS
POLITICAL SCIENCE 2
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

REEDLEY COLLEGE SCHEDULE; FALL 2013; Section 50063
Reedley College; SOC Rm. 31; Wednesday 6:00 pm.-8:50 pm.

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REQUIRED TEXT: KEEPING THE REPUBLIC, by Barbour & Wright, 6th ed.; CALIFORNIA POLITICS, by Van Vechten, 2d. ed.

RECOMMENDED: WEBSTER'S COLLEGIATE DICTIONARY

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES: Utilizing assigned text, additional readings, and other projects, our classroom time will provide discourse for a better understanding of the political/judicial institutions of the United States of America, California, counties, cities, and towns, as well as the issues that have not only brought our society to its contemporary political situation, but also those issues that continue to develop domestic, foreign and economic policies.

GRADING:	I. EXAMINATIONS & ASSIGNMENTS		EXAM DATES	POINTS
	Chapters:	Barbour & Wright	Van Vechten	
	Part I	1, 2, 3, & 4	1, 2 & 10	9/11/13 200
	Part II	5 & 6		9/25/13 200
	Part III	7, 8, 9, & 10	4, 5, 6, & 7	10/30/13 200
	Part IV	11, 12, 13, 14, & 15	9	11/27/13 200
	Part V	16, 17, 18, & 19	8	12/11/13 200
	Final Examination: Text, lectures, other assignments		12/11/13	400

Exams will be given as multiple-choice and/or essay form, based upon both text and lectures to date. Be prepared for either or both by having appropriate test materials at all times. Always include your name date and SCCCD ID number on your exam forms and all other assignments. Points for each of the five parts and the final will be a combination of your multiple-choice exam scores (20% to 25%), and corresponding assignment scores (75% to 80%). Make-up exams may be allowed by prior arrangement; however, the instructor reserves the right to offer an alternative exam. All writing assignments are to be submitted in a 12-point type, double-spaced format, annotated as needed, on or before the due dates. Late submissions may not be accepted. Timely submissions that do not comply with the aforementioned form may receive up to a 40% reduction in grade. Plagiarism and/or any other cheating will result in dismissal from class and subsequent administrative action.

II. ASSIGNED WRITING: Political Issue Paper	DUE DATES	POINTS
1) Outline	10/2/13	50
2) Premise (<u>100-word maximum</u>)	10/23/13	50
3) Paper (1200-1500 words)	11/6/13	200

III. INSTRUCTOR'S DISCRETION:

Based on class participation; including, but not limited any unannounced quiz, verbal responses to questions asked in class, syllabus compliance and specified extra credit assignments. 300

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 2,000

GRADING SCALE:	FINAL GRADE	POINTS
	A	2000-1800
	B	1799-1600
	C	1599-1400
	D	1399-1200
	F	Below 1200

COURSE OUTLINE: Please go to <www.reedleycollege.edu/index.aspx?page=902>, or go to the curriculum file under the faculty heading on the homepage. Use the above resource, the texts' tables of contents, and your own class lecture notes to create a study guide

ATTENDANCE: Substantial absence(s) from and /or repeated late entry into the classroom may affect your grade and/or your continued admission into the class, at the instructor's discretion. Any exams or classroom assignments given during a student's absence will be at the student's risk of loss. Always carry a Scantron 815-E for any unannounced quiz, as well as the Scantron 882-E for scheduled multiple choice exams. Emergency absence may be excused by the instructor, if timely notice is delivered to the instructor's mailbox prior to class. A pre-approved absence for personal schedule conflict can be obtained, if for a substantive reason, and documentation is provided if and when requested by the instructor. Any information, test, or assignment a student misses because of absence is the responsibility of the student to obtain and/or make-up.

The instructor's unplanned absence will be submitted to the administrative office and/or blackboard and will include student attendance and assignment instructions.

EXTRA CREDIT: The instructor may accept approved extra credit up to 25 points per submission, and up to a total of 200 points, within the instructor's discretionary 300 point allotment.

OFFICE HOURS: The instructor does not have an office on campus, but will attempt to meet at a mutually convenient location upon a student's request. Outside the classroom, contact the instructor by e-mail samuel.smith@reedleycollege.edu or leave a message for my mailbox at Reedley College.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: Accommodations will be arranged upon request