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POLS 3326

THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

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DESCRIPTION

A study of legislative behavior in the American political system. Included is a study of representation, selection of legislators, organization and procedures of legislative bodies, and the relation of the legislative to the executive and judicial branches.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Each student is responsible for assigned readings and should keep a looseleaf notebook of class materials.
2. Participation is an essential part of class. Reading assignments should be completed before the class meets. Be prepared to discuss textbook material, report on assigned articles (from Dodd, et al.), and review current events.
3. Attendance is required. A week's absence may be excused, but lengthy absences or erratic attendance will have a detrimental effect on grades. If you expect to miss class, please notify me through the school before class meets.
4. Students will be tested on the lecture, reading, and discussion material through two short answer and essay exams.
5. Each student will write a 4-5 page book abstract or two 2-3 page journal article abstracts, typed and double-spaced. Due May 9.

READING LIST

Textbooks

Fiorina, Morris P. Congress: Keystone of the Washington Establishment, 2nd ed. [F]

Keefe, William J., and Morris S. Ogul. The American Legislative Process, 6th ed. [K]

Reserve Desk

Burnham, James. Congress and the American Tradition, 1965.

Dodd, Lawrence C., and Bruce I. Oppenheimer, ed. Congress Reconsidered, 1993.

Kirk, Russell. America's British Culture, 1993.

Loomis, Burdett A. The Contemporary Congress, 1996.

Notebook of Readings

Richardson, H. L. What Makes You Think We Read the Bills?, 1978.

Tannahill, Neal. Texas Government: Brief Version, 1996.

SCHEDULE

Week 1	N. Lindsay, Shils; Kirk 4; Burnham 7; Loomis 1-2
Week 2	Federalist 53, 55-58, 62-63
Week 3	K. 1; Tannahill 7
Week 4	K. 2-3
Week 5	K. 4
Week 6	F. Part I
Week 7	F. Part II

FIRST EXAM: March 27

Week 8	K. 5; Richardson (a sampling)
Week 9	K. 6; Loomis 5
Week 10	K. 7-8
Week 11	K. 9
Week 12	K. 10
Week 13	K. 11-12
Week 14	K. 13-14

FINAL EXAM: May 20

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Other

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- Jones, Gordon S., and John A. Marini. The Imperial Congress: Crisis in the Separation of Powers, 1988.
- Lowi, Theodore J. The End of Liberalism: The Second Republic of the United States, 2nd ed., 1979. Chapter Five.
- Phillips, David Graham. The Treason of the Senate, 1906.
- Riemer, Neal, ed. The Representative: Trustee? Delegate? Partisan? Politico?, 1967.
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