

The Presidency-POLS Y318
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It is of the nature of war to increase the executive at the expense of the legislative authority.
The Federalist # 8

Course Description:

An investigation into the development of the presidency from the founding of the American political order to the present. We shall pay particular attention to the purpose of executive power in a liberal democracy and the importance of leadership for the maintenance of democracy in times of crisis.

Course Texts:

Hofstadter	<i>American Political Tradition (APT),</i>
Milkis & Nelson	<i>American Presidency: Origins and Development (AP)</i>
Pika & Maltese	<i>Politics of the Presidency (POP),</i>

Students are also required to be informed about contemporary American politics by reading a national daily newspaper or through other news sources. The internet is a tool that provides access to many fine news sources and may provide assistance for political research. The Department of Political Science web page lists some of the more useful internet resources.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

ATTENDANCE

REGULAR ATTENDANCE IS EXPECTED. Since a large share of the midterm and final exams are based on class lectures you must attend class in order to do well on the exams. If you are absent from class more than three periods you should expect that your grade will be lowered by at least one letter. Final grades may also benefit from outstanding participation and performance in class discussions.

READING ASSIGNMENTS

YOU ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE READ, AND BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS, ALL ASSIGNED READINGS FOR EACH CLASS. Students are expected to bring the assigned readings to each class.

EXAMS

EXAMS ARE TO BE TAKEN AT SCHEDULED TIMES. No make-up exams will be given unless first cleared with me prior to the scheduled exam.

Midterm-**10/9**-30% of grade. Final Exam-30% of grade.

PAPERS

Two 8-10 page papers each worth 20% of the grade.

The exams and papers provide the basis for evaluating your performance in this course. The midterm and final exams will consist of essay and other questions that will allow you to demonstrate your knowledge of the American presidency.

Course Reading Schedule:

A. Introduction: The Presidency in the American Regime-1/13

B. The Presidency and Regime Change

1. The Creation of the American Presidency-1/15, 20

- AP-Chs. 1, 2
APT-Ch. 1
- 2. Washington-1/22
AP-Ch. 3
- 3. Jefferson-1/27, 29
AP-Ch. 4
APT-Ch. 2
- 4. Jackson-2/3, 5
AP-Ch. 5
APT-Ch.3
- 5. Lincoln-2/10, 12
AP-Ch. 6
APT-Ch. 5
- 6. Executive power after the Civil War-2/17
AP-Ch. 7
- 7. T. Roosevelt-2/19
AP-Ch. 8
APT-Ch. 9
- 8. Wilson-2/24
AP-Ch. 9
APT-Ch. 10
- 9. FDR & The Modern Presidency-2/26, 3/2
AP-Ch. 11
APT-Ch. 12

Midterm 3/4

- 10. The Presidency Since FDR-3/16, 18
AP-Chs. 12, 13

C. Political Science and the Study of the Presidency

- 1. Presidential Elections-3/23
POP-Ch. 2
- 2. The President and the Public-3/25
POP-Ch. 3
- 3. Congress and the President-3/30
POP-Ch. 5
- 4. Executive Politics-4/1
POP-Ch. 6

5. The Court and the President-4/8
POP-Ch. 7
6. The President and Domestic Policy-4/15
POP-Ch. 8
7. The President and Economic Policy-4/20
POP-Ch. 9
8. The President and National Security Policy-4/22, 27
POP-Ch. 10
9. George W. Bush: Challenges of a Wartime President- 4/29
POP-Ch. 11