

PSC 101 015 53229 INTRO AMER POLITICS 4 05:30 –9:00 W CBC A108 HEENAN

This course will examine the numerous activities and institutions of American government. In the process, we will be looking at both what the government does and how it does it. Our major focus will be upon the main processes by which decisions are made and policies adopted. At certain stages of the decision-making process, special interest groups and political parties are significant actors; while at other times the lead may be taken by the President or by a Congressional committee.

Your grade for this course will be based on the results of two (2) examinations, one report and upon the quality of your class participation. Quizzes may also be given. There will be no make-up exams provided. All students are required to attend and participate in lecture sessions regularly. The instructor must excuse all absences. The instructor reserves the right to administratively drop students who are repeatedly late to class, leave class early or have an attendance problem.

PSC 101 satisfies both the U.S. and Nevada Constitution requirements.

The books required for this course are as follows:

1. Patterson, The American Democracy, 7th edition, Alternate edition (textbook)
2. Patterson, Study Guide to the American Democracy, 7th edition
3. Bowers, Nevada, The Sagebrush State, 2nd edition

WEEK OF	READING
1. August 31	Chapter 1 Patterson, The American Democracy
2. September 7	Chapter 2:Patterson, The American Democracy
3. September 14	Chapter 3: Patterson, The American Democracy
4. September 21	Chapter 4: Patterson, The American Democracy
5. September 28	Chapter 5: Patterson, The American Democracy
6. February 24	Chapter 6: Patterson, The American Democracy
7. October 5	Chapter 7:Patterson, The American Democracy
8. October 12	Chapter 8: Patterson, The American Democracy
9. October 19	Mid-Term Exam
10. October 26	Chapter 9: Patterson, The American Democracy
11. November 2	Chapter 10:Patterson, The American Democracy
12. November 9	Chapter 11:Patterson, The American Democracy
13. November 16	Chapter 12:Patterson, The American Democracy
14. November 23	Chapter 13: Patterson, The American Democracy
15. November 30	Chapter 14&15 Patterson, The American Democracy
16. December 7	Bowers, Nevada, The Sagebrush State
17. December 14	Final Exam 6:00 P.M.