

PSC 304

~~POS 310~~ Legislative Process
Wright 237 10:00 T / Th
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Spring 2006

Office - Wright
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Hours, T, Th 11:15 – 12:15
Th 4:30 – 5:30
and by appointment

I. Texts:

Hernson, Playing Hardball
Smith, etal, The American Congress
Gertzog, Women and Power on Capitol Hill

II. Requirements:

Midterm	35% of grade	approx Mar. 9
Final	35% of grade	May 9, 10:10
Book review	20% of grade	due May 2
Class participation and attendance	10% of grade	

III. Notes:

1. Cell phones must be turned off during class
2. Only 2 unexcused absences before grade is negatively affected.
3. Books must be approved by March 9.
4. Book reports must be turned in to professor in hard copy (not e-mail) in class.
5. Last day to drop is March 31.
6. Spring break is March 12-18.

IV. Course Outline:

- I. Introduction (Jan 17-26)
Smith, chpt 1
- II. Constitutional Background (Jan 31-Feb 2)
Smith, chpt 2
- III. Congressional Elections (Feb7-21)
Smith, chpt 3
Hernson, chpts 1-7
- IV. Rules of the Game (Mar 12-23)
Smith, chpts 4-8
- V. Members of Congress (Mar2-7)
Smith, chpt 5

Mid term (approximately March 9)
Spring break (March 14-16)

- VI. Parties and Leaders (Mar 21-23)
Smith, chpt 6
- VII. Women in Congress (Mar 28-April 4)
Gertzog
- VIII. Standing Committees (April 6)
Smith, chpt 7
- IX. Interest Groups (April 11-13)
Smith, chpt 11
- X. Congress and the President (April 18-20)
Smith, chpt 8
- XI. Congress and the Courts (April 25-27)
Smith, chpt 10

Reports due (May 2)

Oral Presentations (May 2-4)

Final Exam (May 9)