

Political Science 241
American Political Parties

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My office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:45-11:45 AM, in Monteith 218. Other office hours can be arranged if these are inconvenient for you. My phone number is 486-3464, my e-mail address is reiter@uconnvm.uconn.edu, and my website is <http://vm.uconn.edu/~reiter/index.html>.

The following paperbacks are in the Co-op and are required for purchase:

Anthony Corrado et al., eds., Campaign Finance Reform: A Sourcebook
William J. Keefe, Parties, Politics, and Public Policy in America
(Eighth edition only!!!)
Theodore J. Lowi and Joseph Romance, A Republic of Parties?
Stephen J. Wayne, The Road to the White House 2000
(make sure it's the 2000 edition!)

Schedule

February 1-3: Wayne, Chapters 4, 5, 7
February 8-10: Wayne, Chapters 1-3
February 15-17: Wayne, Chapters 6, 8, 9
(On the 15th, we meet in Video Theatre 2 in the Library.)
February 22: Quiz on the Wayne book and related lectures
February 24-March 2: Keefe, pp. 1-127
March 7-9: Keefe, pp. 128-261
March 14: Keefe, pp. 262-316
March 16: Quiz on the Keefe book and related lectures
March 28-April 18: Corrado, pp. 1-3, 5-35, 63-66, 95-129, 134-139, 143-153, 155-177, 198-200, 217-242, 271-289, 310-343, 365-392
April 20: Research paper on campaign finance due
April 25-May 4: Lowi and Romance, pp. 3-76 (rest optional)

Each quiz, the assignment on the Corrado book, and the final will be worth one-fourth of the grade. There will be no makeup quizzes. Anyone who misses the final will take a makeup next semester. Students who contribute frequently to class discussions will enjoy a bonus in their final grade of at least one increment. (E.g., a student who would have received a B will receive a B+.)

All students who enroll in this course are assumed to have read the Academic Misconduct section of the Student Conduct Code regarding such matters as plagiarism and cheating on examinations.

If there are any students in this class who have special needs because of learning disabilities or other kinds of disabilities, please feel free to come and discuss this with me.