

Political Science 241  
American Political Parties

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

Anthony Corrado, *Campaign Finance Reform*  
Theodore J. Lowi and Joseph Romance, *A Republic of Parties?*  
Steven E. Schier, *By Invitation Only*  
Stephen J. Wayne, *Is This Any Way to Run a Democratic Election?*  
John Kenneth White and Daniel M. Shea, *The New Party Politics*

### Schedule

January 24: Introduction  
January 26: White and Shea, Introduction and Chapter 1  
January 29-February 2: White and Shea, Chapters 2-4  
February 5-9: White and Shea, Chapters 5-6  
February 12-16: White and Shea, Chapters 7-9  
February 19-21: White and Shea, Chapter 10 and Conclusion  
February 23: Exam on readings and classes from January 26 to February 21  
February 26-28: Lowi and Romance, pp. 3-76 (rest optional)  
March 2: Paper on Lowi and Romance due  
March 5-9: Corrado, Chapters 1-5  
March 12-14: Corrado, Chapters 6-8  
March 16: Paper on campaign finance due  
March 26-30: Schier, Introduction and Chapters 1-2  
April 2-6: Schier, Chapters 3-5  
April 9-11: Schier, Chapter 6  
April 13: Exam on readings and classes from March 26 to April 11  
April 16-20: Wayne, Preface and Chapters 1-3  
April 23-27: Wayne, Chapters 6-8  
April 30-May 2: Wayne, Chapter 9  
May 4: Exam on readings and classes from April 16 to May 2  
May 7: Conclusion

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.

### GRADING POLICIES

There are two ways to complete this course:

#### 1) QUIZZES

Every Friday except March 2 and 16, there will be a quiz based on that week's readings and class sessions. The format will be multiple-choice. On January 26

there will be a practice quiz, to show you what the quizzes will be like; it will not be graded.

There will be eleven quizzes in all. All students who take at least nine of those quizzes will be considered to have fulfilled this requirement. If you miss more than two quizzes, regardless of the reason, you will have to take the exams, described below. Otherwise, quiz-takers will be exempt from the exams on February 23, April 13, and May 4 -- although there will be quizzes on those days. STUDENTS WILL NOT BE EXEMPT FROM THE PAPERS THAT ARE DUE ON MARCH 9 OR MARCH 16, OR FROM THE FINAL EXAM.

Those students who take this option will be graded as follows:  
45% quiz grades; 20% paper due March 9; 15% paper due March 16; 20% final.

## 2) EXAMS

Students who do not take at least nine quizzes will be expected to take the exams on February 23, April 13, and May 4, and complete the papers that are due on March 9 and March 16.

The first exam will be partly essay and partly short answers, probably identifications; the others will probably be mostly essay in format.

Those students who take this option will be graded as follows:  
15% each exam; 20% paper due March 9; 15% paper due March 16; 20% final.

### FOR ALL STUDENTS:

There will be no makeup exams or quizzes. Anyone who misses the final will take a far more difficult makeup. 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+.)

### CALENDAR

	QUIZ TRACK	EXAM TRACK
Friday, Feb. 2	Quiz	
Friday, Feb. 9	Quiz	
Friday, Feb. 16	Quiz	
Friday, Feb. 23	Quiz	Exam
Friday, March 2	Paper due	Paper due
Friday, March 9	Quiz	
Friday, March 16	Paper due	Paper due
Friday, March 30	Quiz	
Friday, April 6	Quiz	
Friday, April 13	Quiz	Exam
Friday, April 20	Quiz	
Friday, April 27	Quiz	
Friday, May 4	Quiz	Exam
May ??	Final	Final