

POLS 4530 POLITICAL PARTIES

Fall Semester AY2017-2018
Department of Political Science
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Classroom: Room 301 Baldwin Hall
Time: 1:25 - 2:15PM Monday, Wednesday, Friday

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The following texts will be used in this course:

- Sundquist, James L. (1983). *Dynamics of the Party System*
- Hofstadter, Richard (1970). *The Idea of a Party System*
- Gordon, John Steele (2004). *An Empire of Wealth: The Epic History of American Economic Power*

Requirements

Grades will be determined by three examinations -- two mid-semester exams and a final exam. The exams will be Multiple Choice. The midterms will be worth $\frac{1}{4}$ each and the final $\frac{1}{2}$ of the course grade.

The Multiple Choice exams will be about 25-30 questions each for the Midterms and 40-50 questions for the final. They will be straightforward with no "tricks".

The **first exam** is scheduled for Wednesday, 22 September 2017, 1:25 -

2:15PM.

The **second exam** is scheduled for Friday, 20 October 2017, 1:25 - 2:15PM.

The Final Exam is scheduled for Friday, 13 December 2017, 12:00 - 2:00PM.

Course Outline

1. The Mischief of Faction: The Views of the Founders

Assignment:

- Chapters 1 and 2, *The Idea of a Party System*
- [James Madison, Federalist No. 10](#)
- Chapters 1 - 3, *An Empire of Wealth*

2. The Early Development of Modern Political Parties

Assignment:

- Chapters 3, 4, 5, and 6, *The Idea of a Party System*
- Chapters 4 - 7, *An Empire of Wealth*

3. Party Realignment Theory

Assignment:

- Chapters 1, 2, and 3, *Dynamics of the Party System*

4. The First Political Party System: 1829 - 1852

Assignment:

- Chapters 4 and 5, *Dynamics of the Party System*
- Chapters 8 - 10, *An Empire of Wealth*

5. The Second Political Party System: 1856 - 1896

Assignment:

- Chapters 6 and 7, *Dynamics of the Party System*
- Chapters 11 - 14, *An Empire of Wealth*

6. The Third Political Party System: 1897 - 1928

Assignment:

- Chapters 8 and 9, *Dynamics of the Party System*
- Chapters 15 - 16, *An Empire of Wealth*

7. The Fourth Political Party System: 1932 - 2015

Assignment:

- Chapters 10, 11, and 12, *Dynamics of the Party System*
- Chapters 17 - 20, *An Empire of Wealth*

8. Where are we Headed? Political Polarization and the Stability of American Political Institutions

Assignment: