

POLS 1101
Chapter 8 Study Guide

Role of elections in a republic
Primaries and general elections
Open and closed primaries
Plurality rule voting
Majority rule voting
Runoff elections
Median Voter Theorem (MVT)
MVT in a two stage electoral system
Open seats and incumbents
U.S. House and Senate constituencies
Primaries and caucuses
Presidential primary process
Proportional and winner-take-all allocation
Electoral College
GOTV (get out the vote) efforts
Attack ads
Hard money versus soft money
Independent expenditures
How do voters decide?
Voting cues
Straight ticket versus split ticket

5th Amendment
Grand jury
No self-incrimination
No double jeopardy
Due process of law
Government must compensate for taken property

6th Amendment
Speedy public trial
Right to a lawyer
Right to an impartial jury
Right to know your accusers