

Schedule and Weekly Calendar POLS 2311, Fall 2022

(Professor reserves the right to modify the schedule; class notice will be given.)

Week	Topic	Reading Assigned	Assignment and Exam and Assignment Due Dates; Notes
8/22-8/26	Class Introduction; Syllabus Review: Understanding American Politics	Chapter 1 in Bianco textbook	Each day students are to spend 15 minutes online following U.S. and TX political news for class discussion
8/29-9/2	The Constitution and the Founding	Chapter 2 in Bianco textbook	No class on 9/5— Labor Day Holiday
9/5-9/9	Federalism	Chapter 3 in Bianco textbook	
9/12-9/16	Civil Liberties	Chapter 4 in Bianco textbook	
9/19-9/23	Civil Rights	Chapter 5 in Bianco textbook	
9/26-9/30	Texas Government	Appendix in Bianco textbook pp A1-A15	9/28 Exam 1 in class with Respondus on your laptop (Chapter 1-5, Appendix, and Texas Government lecture)
10/3-10/7	Public Opinion and the Media; Political Parties	Chapters 6 and 7 in Bianco textbook	
10/10-10/14	Elections	Chapter 8 in Bianco textbook	10/12 Assignment #1 Due— Government Public Meeting
10/17-10/21	Congress	Chapter 10 in Bianco textbook	Note: we'll cover Chapter 10 before Chapter 9
10/24-10/28	Interest Groups	Chapter 9 in Bianco textbook	10/26 Exam 2 in class with Respondus on your laptop (Chapters 6-10)
10/31-	The Presidency	Chapter 11 in	

11/4		Bianco textbook	
11/7-11/11	The Bureaucracy	Chapter 12 in Bianco textbook	
11/14-11/18	The Courts	Chapter 13 in Bianco textbook	11/16 Assignment #2 Due—Texas State or Federal Courts
11/21-11/25	Economic and Social Policy	Chapter 14 in Bianco textbook	
11/28-11/2	Foreign Policy	Chapter 15 in Bianco textbook	
12/5-12/9	Final Exam Week	Review on your own for Exam 3	12/9 Exam 3 in class with Respondus on your laptop from 7:00 to 9:45 a.m. (Chapters 11-15)