

University of Toronto
Free Evening Program
Political Science 1110
American Politics & Government
Ottawa, Ontario
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FE 99

PM

INSTRUCTOR: Professor P. Fitzgibbon

TEXT: Berry et al. Government by the People. Brief Edition.

ORGANIZATION: This course consists of 10 classes or sections held on

Thursday - begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 12:10 p.m. The format of

the course is lecture/discussion, but there will be readings & guest

speakers and possibly a field trip.

GRADES: Your final grade in the course will be based upon your

attendance, participation and performance on the examination and on

papers. There will be two examinations, a mid-term examination and the

course paper, a short paper and a long paper. The mid-term examination

will cover about half of the book, chapters 1 through 9 and the final

exam the rest of the text. Each exam and paper will count for 25%. You

are allowed to bring your own and larger paper other considerations

meet or you are in effect they will be given greater weight. Each

exam will consist of both objective and essay questions.

COURSE PAPERS: The nature and content of the two course papers will

be discussed in class.

ATTENDANCE: Ministry requires that attendance be taken and

that instances of the course instructor's unexcused absence be

reported to the Dean. Attendance participation and communication will

instructor regarding absence and the course matter. APRIL and on for

of your grade. It is practically impossible to be successful in this course

without attending the class. Please note that no one will pass the course

unless the examination and papers are successfully completed.

PROCEEDURES: Please feel free to ask questions during class sessions. Your

active participation in classroom discussion is greatly encouraged.

GENERAL OVERVIEW: The course will consist of: (1) an exploration of the nature

of the course. (2) an exploration of the nature of the course.

local) and its policies which impact our lives, (2) a discussion of how we can participate in and affect this system, and (3) a comparison of several foreign political systems to see how they create/carry out public policy.

October 9: Course Introduction; Chapters 1-2 - Constitutional Principles -

October 16: Chapters 3-4 - Rights and Liberties -

October 23: Chapters 5-6 - The Political Process - SHORT PAPER DUE -

October 30: Chapters 7-8 - The Political Process -

November 6: Chapter 9 - The Political Process - The Media - MID-TERM EXAMINATION

November 13: Chapter 10 - Policy-Making Institutions - Congress -

November 20: Chapter 11 - Policy-Making Institutions - The Presidency -

November 27: Chapter 12 - Policy-Making Institutions - The Judiciary -
- Overview / Interpretation - Review

December 4: Chapters 13-15 - Bureaucracy - Domestic & Foreign / Defense Policy -

December 11: FINAL EXAMINATION - LONG PAPER DUE -