

Semester at a Glance

UNIT	TOPICS	FOUNDATIONAL DOCUMENTS
1. Foundations of American Democracy <i>Chapters 1-3</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of Democracy • Enlightenment Philosophers • Declaration of Independence • The US under the Articles • Constitutional Convention • Ratification of the Constitution • Principles of American Government • Relationship among the States • Federalism 	Declaration of Independence (DOI) Brutus 1 (BRUT) Articles of Confederation (AOC) U.S. Constitution (CONS) Bill of Rights (BOR) Amendments 11-27 (AMEND) Federalist 10 (Fed 10) Federalist 51 (Fed 51)
2. American Political Ideologies and Beliefs <i>Chapters 4, 8, 9</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Socialization • Political Ideology • Public Opinion • Policy Making • Economic and Social Policy 	U.S. Constitution (CONS)
3. Political Participation <i>Chapters 6, 7, 10</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voting Rights • Voter Turnout • Political Parties • Third Parties • Interest Groups • Electoral College • Elections and Campaigns • Campaign Finance • The Media 	U.S. Constitution (CONS) Federalist 10 (Fed 10)
4. Interactions Among Branches of Government <i>Chapters 11-14, 18 (The Policymaking Process), 19</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congress: Structure, Powers, and Functions • The Executive Branch • Checks on the Executive • Expansion of Executive Power • Judicial Branch • The Court in Action • The Bureaucracy 	U.S. Constitution (CONS) Federalist 70 (Fed 70) Federalist 78 (Fed 78)
5. Civil Liberties and Civil Rights <i>Chapters 15-17</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill of Rights • First Amendment Freedoms • Other Freedoms and Rights • Selective Incorporation • Social Movements • Balancing Majority and Minority Rights 	U.S. Constitution (CONS) "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" (BIRM)