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**Political Science 2335 FA**  
**Politics, Government and Society in the USA**

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**Tuesday & Thursday: 2:30-4:00 p.m.**  
**RB 3024**

This course provides an overview of American politics focusing on political institutions such as the presidency, congress and the Supreme Court and federalism. The impact of the Obama presidency is examined. The role of the United States on the world stage is assessed.

Text: American Government: Power and Purpose, brief edition Lowi, Ginsberg, Shepsle and Ansolabehere 11<sup>th</sup> ed.

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| Requirements: | participation | 10% |           |
|               | Essay         | 40  | Oct 26 th |
|               | Final exam    | 50  |           |

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| Outline: | September 14 introduction ch 1                            |
|          | September 21 the constitution ch 2                        |
|          | September 28 federalism and the separation of powers ch 3 |
|          | October 5 civil liberties and civil rights ch 4           |
|          | October 12 Congress ch 5                                  |
|          | Health care program                                       |
|          | October 19 the Presidency ch 6                            |

The executive branch, the bureaucracy, ch 7

October 26 the Supreme Court ch 8

November 2 public opinion ch 9

The mid term elections, possible loss of control of congress for the Democrats.

November 9 elections mid term elections ch 10

November 16 political parties ch 11

November 23 interest groups ch 12

November 30 public policy ch 13,14