

COURSE SCHEDULE (Sample)
GOVT 50: The Federalist Papers

Note: This is a sample reading schedule. The actual schedule will be sent out with the syllabus prior to the first meeting for virtual classes, and physical copies will be handed out to students in in-person classes.

COURSE READINGS AND SCHEDULE (subject to change)

*Readings will be provided to student, either in a printed or electronic form. (Texts which are optional or recommended should be requested by the student at least one week in advance.)

Week 1 Revolution Principles

- *Declaration of Independence
- *Thomas Paine, *Common Sense* (selections)
- *John Adams, *Thoughts on Government*
- *Samuel Adams, *Rights of the Colonists* (selections)

2 Between Constitutions

- *Articles of Confederation
- *Northwest Ordinance
- *The Constitution of the United States of America
- *George Washington, Circular to the States, June 14, 1783
- *James Madison, “Vices of the Political System of the United States”

3 Reflection and Choice

- Centinel I, in *The Essential Anti-Federalist*, pp. 7-22
- Brutus I, in *The Essential Anti-Federalist*, pp. 103-117
- *Cato I, Caesar I, Cato II in Bernard Bailyn, ed., *The Debate on the Constitution*, Part One, pp. 31-41
- The Federalist Papers*, Introduction, Preface, and Nos. 1-8

Optional:

David F. Epstein, *The Political Theory of the Federalist*, Introduction and Ch. 1

4 Political Science and Union

- The Federalist*, Nos. 9-14
- Address and Reasons of Dissent of the Minority of Pennsylvania, in *The Essential Anti-Federalist*, pp. 199-223

Recommended:

Montesquieu, *The Spirit of Laws*, Book 11, chap. 6 (“On the Constitution of England”); Book 19, chap. 27 (“How Laws Can Contribute to Forming the Mores, Manners, and Character of a Nation”)

Optional:

Montesquieu, *The Spirit of Laws*, Books. 2, 3, 4 5 (esp. chs. 1-7), 6 (esp. chs. 1, 2, 11, 21), 7 (esp. chs. 1, 2, 9-12), 8 (esp. chs. 1-4, 16), Bk. 9 (esp. ch. 1)

5 Interpreting Federalist Ten

*Charles Beard, *An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution*, ch. 6

*Martin Diamond, "Democracy and *The Federalist*: A Reconsideration of the Framers' Intent"

*Charles R. Kesler, *Crisis of the Two Constitutions*, ch. 2

*David Hume, *Political Essays*, chs. 2-4, 7-8, 10-13, 23, 27

Optional:

Epstein, *Political Theory*, ch. 3

6 The Problems of Confederation

Agrippa III, IV in Dry, pp. 232-236

Brutus V in Dry, pp. 133-138

The Federalist, Nos. 15-22

7 Energetic Government

The Federalist, Nos. 23-36

Optional:

Epstein, *Political Theory*, ch. 2

8 Thanksgiving/Easter Break (precise date to be determined in agreement between Mr. Heintz and student/pod representative)

9 The Problem of Founding

The Federalist, Nos. 37-46

*Kesler, *Crisis of the Two Constitutions*, ch. 1

Recommended:

Harvey C. Mansfield, Jr., *America's Constitutional Soul*, ch. 14

Optional:

Epstein, *Political Theory*, ch. 4

- 10** **Separation of Powers (I)**
The Federalist, Nos. 47-51
- Recommended:
Montesquieu, *The Spirit of the Laws*, Bk. 11; Bk. 19, chs. 14, 16, 21, 27
- Optional:
*Martin Diamond, "Separation of Powers and the Mixed Regime," in Schambra, pp. 58-67
*Harvey C. Mansfield, Jr., *America's Constitutional Soul*, ch. 9
*William Kristol, "The Problem of the Separation of Powers"
Epstein, *Political Theory*, ch. 5
- 11** **Separation of Powers (II): Critical Views**
*Woodrow Wilson, *Constitutional Government in the United States*, ch. 3
*Robert Dahl, *A Preface to Democratic Theory*, ch. 1
*Harvey C. Mansfield, Jr., *America's Constitutional Soul*, chs. 1, 11
- 12** **The Legislative**
Federal Farmer VII in Dry, pp. 73-79
Brutus III, IV, XVI in Dry pp. 122-132, 187-191
The Federalist, Nos. 52-66
- Recommended:
Epstein, *Political Theory*, ch. 6
- 13** **The Executive**
*Cato V in Bailyn, Part One, pp. 399-403
The Federalist, Nos. 67-77
- Optional:
Epstein, *Political Theory*, ch. 7
- 14** **The Judiciary**
Brutus XI, XV in Dry, pp. 162-167, 182-187
The Federalist, Nos. 78-83
- 15** **Rights and Republicanism**
The Federalist, Nos. 84-85
*Harvey C. Mansfield, Jr., *America's Constitutional Soul*, ch. 15
- 16** **Final Exam or Paper** (due by the end of Friday of this week)

COURSE TEXTS AND SCHEDULE

Required:

The Federalist Papers. Edited by Charles R. Kesler. Signet, 2003. ISBN-13: 978-0451528810.

This edition includes helpful notes for those first encountering this work.

The Anti-Federalist: An Abridgment of The Complete Anti-Federalist. Edited by Herbert J. Storing and Murray Dry. University Of Chicago Press, 2006. Contains many of the required readings from the anti-Federalists. It is also the cheapest collections of the writings of the anti-Federalist.

Recommended (will contain many of the short readings not already in the assigned texts):

Montesquieu, *The Spirit of Laws*. Edited by Anne M. Cohler, Basia Carolyn Miller, and Harold Samuel Stone. Cambridge University Press, 1989. ISBN-13: 978-0521369749.

David Hume, *Essays: Moral, Political, and Literary*. Liberty Fund.

Martin Diamond, *As Far As Republican Principles Will Admit*. Edited by William Schambra. AEI Books, 1993.

Charles R. Kesler, *Crisis of the Two Constitutions*. Encounter Books, 2021.

Harvey C. Mansfield, Jr., *America's Constitutional Soul*. John Hopkins University Press, 1991.

Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations: Chicago Style for Students and Researchers*. University of Chicago Press. Many editions, only the last five editions are acceptable for this course.

Optional (scholarly works, should be read only after completing required and recommended readings):

David F. Epstein, *The Political Theory of the Federalist*. University of Chicago, 2008. A thorough examination of several themes in the *Federalist*.

Douglass Adair, *Fame and the Founding Fathers*. Liberty Fund, 1998. Contains essays on Federalist #10 and the statesmanship of Alexander Hamilton.

George W. Carey, *In Defense of the Constitution*. Liberty Fund, 1989. Answers contemporary challenges from critics of the *Federalist*.

George W. Carey, *The Federalist: Design for a Constitutional Republic*. University of Illinois Press, 1994. A commentary on key themes of the *Federalist*.