The following books are to be purchased at either the campus bookstore or Mary Jane Books:


**COURSE OUTLINE**

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<th>Date</th>
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<td>Introduction to the course</td>
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<td>Jan. 25</td>
<td>Studying the presidency</td>
<td>Skowronek, <em>Presidential Leadership in Political Time</em>, Ch. 1</td>
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<td>The constitutional presidency</td>
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<td>Feb. 1</td>
<td>Game #1: Redesigning the Constitutional presidency</td>
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<td>The development of the presidency from Washington to Wilson</td>
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<td>Theories of presidential leadership</td>
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**FIRST QUIZ ON FEB. 11**

| Feb. 20| Presidential character and personality      | Nelson, Ch. 6 |
Feb. 22  The institutional presidency
25 Reading: Nelson, Ch. 5, 14, 20
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Feb. 29  The president and Congress
Mar. 3  Reading: Nelson, Ch. 12, 17, 19
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Mar. 7  Game #2: Passing a priority presidential program
No assigned reading (Internet research instead)
Mar. 10  The president and the judiciary
Reading: Nelson, Ch. 18

SECOND QUIZ ON MARCH 10

Mar. 12  The president as policymaker: foreign and domestic affairs
14 Reading: Nelson, Ch. 21, 9
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FIRST PAPER DUE ON MARCH 17

Mar. 19  The president and the media
Reading: Nelson, Ch. 11
Mar. 31  The president and the public
Apr. 2  Reading: Nelson, Ch. 10
Apr. 4  Analyzing presidential elections
Reading: Nelson, Ch. 8
Apr. 7  The election of 2008
(No assigned reading (Internet research instead)

THIRD QUIZ ON APRIL 7

Apr. 9  Game #3: The 2008 election game: Democrat v. Republican
11 No assigned reading (Internet research instead)
Apr. 14  The development of the presidency from FDR to Carter
16 Reading: Milkis and Nelson, Ch. 11, 12
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Apr.23  The presidency of Ronald Reagan
      Reading: Milkis and Nelson, Ch. 13

Apr.25  The presidency of Bill Clinton
      Reading: Milkis and Nelson, Ch. 14

Apr.28  The presidency of George W. Bush
      30  Reading: Milkis and Nelson, Ch. 15; Skowronek, Ch. 4, 5

May  2

FOURTH QUIZ ON MAY 2

May  5  The future of the presidency
       No assigned reading

SECOND PAPER DUE ON MAY 14

Grades for the course will be based on papers and quizzes. There will be four multiple-choice
quizzes; your lowest score of the four will be dropped and your grade for the quizzes will be
calculated based upon the other three. There will be two papers; each has a suggested length of
6-8 double-spaced pages. Topics for the papers will be handed out in class. Hard copies of the
paper are required, and late papers will be penalized. Grades will be computed as follows:
quizzes - 1/3
each paper – 1/3

STUDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT ALL WORK HANDED IN MUST BE THEIR
OWN. CHEATING ON QUIZZES OR PLAGIARISM ON PAPERS WILL BE
SEVERELY PUNISHED.

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