**GOVT 2305: Study Guide for Exam I; Fall, 2017**

**Exam I will be on Tuesday, October 3. There will be 50 questions. Bring a scantron. The material in this study guide can be found in the power points for Chapters 1, 2 and 3 posted on the Learning Web.**

**Chapter One**

1. Know the definition of democracy; republic
2. Know the categories of government as described by Aristotle.
3. What are “natural rights?”
4. Among the values that comprise American political culture, which has been most difficult to achieve?
5. In what part of the Constitution are the functions of government summarized? Be able to identify these functions of government.
6. Know the difference between Red States and Blue States in the “culture wars.”
7. What is the meaning of the term ideology?
8. Know the differences on issues between conservatives and liberals and which political party tends to identify with which ideology.
9. Is conflict a normal part of the political process? What are the sources of conflict in the American political system?
10. Know the difference between cultural assimilation and multi-culturalism. Which favors making English an official language: assimilationists or multi-culturalists?
11. What are redistributive tax policies?
12. In American political culture, do we embrace or reject the free market and economic individualism?

**Chapter Two**

1. Know the impact of Thomas Paine’s *Common Sense.*
2. What were the minorities that concerned those at the Constitutional Convention?
3. Know the meaning of The Great Compromise and the Three-Fifths Compromise.
4. What is the power of judicial review? How did it originate?
5. Know the main issue that separated the Federalists from the Anti-federalists.
6. When and why was the Bill of Rights added to the Constitution?
7. According to the Constitution, how is the President of the United States selected?
8. Know the meaning of Enumerated Powers and the Necessary and Proper Clause found in Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.
9. To whom does the Constitution give war powers and how has this played out in history?
10. What is the most significant check of the Executive Branch on the Legislative Branch?
11. How is an amendment to the U.S. Constitution ratified?
12. Does the Constitution include an Equal Rights Amendment? What was its fate?
13. How many articles does the U.S. Constitution have? How many amendments?

**Chapter Three**

1. Know the definition of the term federalism.
2. What system of government is used by 80% of the world’s nations?
3. On what two parts of the Constitution is the American federalist system based? Know the meaning of each.
4. Know the ways in which the Privileges and Immunities Clause and the Full Faith and Credit Clause affect relationships among the states.
5. Know the name of the 2015 Supreme Court decision that legalized same sex marriage in the United States.
6. What does the term “states rights’” mean?
7. What were Jim Crow laws?
8. How did FDR’s New Deal impact the power of the national government?
9. Know the meaning of the terms unfunded mandate and coercive federalism.
10. What program created during the administration of President Bill Clinton replaced AFDC?
11. How did the U.S. Supreme Court rule regarding whether the individual mandate portion of the Affordable Care Act was within the legal powers of the federal government?