

Phillips Hall  
Room 414B  
May 2008

## **SYLLABUS**

The Law of the Political Process/PMGT 262.10  
Graduate School of Political Management  
Spring/Summer 2008

The course will meet at approximately 6:10 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Wednesday evening. The method of instruction will be a hybrid between Socratic and lecture. Each student is expected to be prepared to discuss assigned materials in class. The intent is to provide the student with both an exposure to the policy underlying election laws and to provide specific information for participating in this regulated industry.

### **Examinations**

There will be a single examination in the course. The examination will cover both lecture materials and assigned readings. There will be two assigned papers. They must be typewritten and have a minimum of 10 but no more than 12 pages in length.

### **Grading Policy**

Final exam: 55%  
Written assignments: 35%  
Class participation: 10%.  
All assignments must be completed on time.

### **Required Texts**

**FEC Campaign Guide for Congressional Candidates and Committees;  
Campaign Guide for Corporations and Labor Organizations**

**Political Broadcast Catechism**, National Association of Broadcasters ("NAB")

**The Law of Democracy**, Issacharoff, Karlan and Pildes (2001), Foundation Press (LOD)

**Class Sessions and Assignments**  
**(subject to change during term)**

- MAY 21**                    *Introduction – Introductory lecture*  
*Outline of the course and an explanation of class assignments*  
*Voting/registration laws*
- MAY 28**                    *Campaign Finance - Assigned reading:*  
**Federal Election Campaign Guides for Congressional**  
**Candidates and Committees/Corporations and Labor**  
**Organizations**
- JUNE 4**                    *Campaign Finance – Assigned reading:*  
LOD – Chapter 6  
**The Regulation of Corporation and Union Political Activities:**  
Soft money  
State Campaign Finance Issues  
Political Tax Issues
- JUNE 11**                    Prosecution of Election Offenses  
Congressional Ethics/Rules  
Personal Finance Disclosure  
Regulations of Lobbying
- JUNE 18**                    *Apportionment – Assigned reading:*  
**Redistricting Law,** (Handouts);  
**Law of Democracy,** ("LOD") - Chapter 3; Chapter 10
- JUNE 25**                    The Voting Rights Act  
LOD - Chapter 7  
First paper due
- JULY 02**                    Recounts/Contest - Ballot Integrity  
LOD – Chapter 12/Chapter 4
- JULY 09**                    **Political Broadcast Catechist,** NAB Fourteenth Edition Vote

**JULY 16**

*Initiative, Referendum, Ballot Access*- (LOD Chapter 11)  
*Candidacy/Political Parties* (LOD, Chapter 5)  
Election Process (LOD – Chapter 13)

**JULY 23**

**EXAM**  
**Second Paper due**

I will host a voluntary post-exam/class meeting to discuss the exam and class. The location/date--TBA.

If you have any question, please call or e-mail.

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