CASPER COLLEGE COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Number and Title: POLS 1010 80 - SURVEY OF US/WY CONSTITUTIONS

Semester/Year: Fall 2006
Lecture Hours: 3 Lab Hours: 0 Credit Hours: 1

Class Time: 2:00-3:15 p.m. Days: TuTh Room: Ad 170
November 9 through Finals Week

Instructor: Dr. Dave Cherry
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Office Hours: 10:00 -- 11:50 MWF 9:00 – 12:00 TuTh
2:00 – 3:00 MWF

Course Description: A study of the Constitutions of the United States and Wyoming and principles and ideals of American political institutions. This course satisfies the statutory requirement of instruction in the Constitutions of the United States and Wyoming for Casper College, but does not meet requirements for the University of Wyoming.

Statement of Prerequisites: None

General Objectives: The student who completes this course will have a better understanding of the American political system and his or her place in it.

Specific Objectives: To fulfill the statutory requirement of study of the U.S. and WY constitutions.

Methodology: Since this is a very concentrated five-week lecture/discussion course, class attendance and a careful reading of the assigned material are essential. Any individual missing a quiz may present a written summary of the class activities (lecture and reading) for that section. The score for this exercise will be substituted for the missed quiz.
After the first class, the following classes will begin with student questions of the previous lecture and the reading. We will have three 25 point quizzes and a comprehensive 50-point final exam. Your lowest quiz grade will be dropped. Your final exam score must count. Ten extra points will be given to those who miss no classes. Five extra points will be given if you miss only one class. Role will be taken promptly at the beginning of the class. If you come late, be sure to remind the instructor that you were there.

**Evaluation Criteria:** The following grading system will apply:

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At the instructor's discretion this grade scale may be made easier. It will not be made harder.

**Required Text, Readings, Materials:**


The Constitution of the State of Wyoming. (This will be provided.)

**Last Date to Change to Audit Status or Withdraw with a W Grade:** Students will be allowed to withdraw anytime before the final exam.

**Tentative Calendar or Schedule Indicating Course Content:**

- **Th, Nov 9**  
  Introduction to course and does government matter?

- **Tu, Nov 14**  
  Ch 1 American Political Culture

- **Th, Nov 16**  
  Ch 2 Constitution Democracy
Friday, Nov 17  Advising Day. Please take this opportunity to see your advisor and sign-up for classes for Spring 07.

Tu, Nov 21  Ch 3 Federalism & 1st Quiz

Nov 22 – 24  Thanksgiving Vacation

Tu, Nov 28  U.S. Constitution A-6 to A-17

Th, Nov 30  Amendments to the U.S. Constitution A-18 to A-27 and 2nd quiz

Tu, Dec 5  Wyoming Constitution

Th, Dec 7  Ch 11 Congress

Tu, Dec 12  Ch 12 The Presidency

Th, Dec 14  Ch 14 The Judiciary & 3rd Quiz

Dec 18 - 21  Final Exam

In all likelihood you will be able to take your final exam on either of these two dates and times; Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 2:00 or Thursday, Dec. 21 at 3:10.

A note from our lawyers: This course outline is not a contract. The instructor reserves the right to make changes as circumstances warrant.

Student Rights and Responsibilities: Please refer to the Casper College Student Conduct and Judicial Code for additional information concerning your rights and responsibilities as a Casper College student.

It is the policy of Casper College to provide appropriate accommodations to any student with a documented disability. If you have a need for accommodation in this course, please make an appointment to see me at your earliest convenience.

Chain of Command: If you have a problem in this, or any course, first try to resolve it with your instructor. If that fails, see the Department Chair (if
there is one), then the Division Chair, then the Vice-President for Academic Affairs.