

**PS 101, "The Presidency and
The Executive Branch"
Professor Berry
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"The Presidency and the Executive Branch" focuses on the role of presidents in the formulation of domestic and foreign policy. Other topics include presidential elections, styles of leadership, personality and character, relations with Congress, and control of the bureaucracy. Course requirements are a midterm (40 percent), and a final (60 percent). Students should also make sure they read a newspaper each day as current events will frequently come up in lecture or discussion. I strongly recommend reading the *New York Times*, which is available here on campus, though the *Boston Globe* is acceptable as well.

My office hours this semester are Mondays 3:45-5:00 and Wednesdays 9:00-10:15. You can contact me by phone at X7-3465 or by e-mail at jeffrey.berry@tufts.edu. E-mail is fine for short questions that have short answers. If you have a more substantive question, I hope you'll please come see me in my office. In addition to issues relating to the class, I'm available for political science and pre-law advising. Whatever the reason, please try to come by my office at least once this semester so I can get to know you a little better.

The following books are available for purchase at the bookstore. I've also placed them on reserve at Tisch. Please note that the dates below are approximate. I'll give you plenty of advance notice as to the date in class when we'll discuss each work.

Richard Neustadt and Ernest May, Thinking in Time
Lawrence Jacobs and Robert Shapiro, Politicians Don't Pander
William Crotty, ed., Winning the Presidency, 2008
Fred Greenstein, The Hidden-Hand Presidency
James Pfiffner, Power Play
Richard Pious, Why Presidents Fail
Doris Kearns Goodwin, Team of Rivals

Jan. 25: Crotty, Winning the Presidency, chaps. 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11

Feb.1: Greenstein, The Hidden-Hand Presidency

Feb. 8: Jacobs and Shapiro, Politicians Don't Pander

Feb. 17: Jacobs and Shapiro, Politicians Don't Pander

Feb. 22: Goodwin, Team of Rivals, Chapters 10-15

March 1: Goodwin, Team of Rivals, Chapters 16-21

March 8: Neustadt and May, Thinking in Time

March 15: Neustadt and May, Thinking in Time

March 29: Take-home midterm. No class on March 31

April 5: Pious, Why Presidents Fail, chaps. 1-3, 6-7

April 12: Why Presidents Fail, chaps. 8-11

April 21: Pfiffner, Power Play, Chaps. 1-5

April 26: Pfiffner, Power Play, Chaps. 6-9