

Course Title	(Korean) 미국의 정치제도	(English) Introduction to American Political Institutions	Mandatory or elective subjects:			
Profile of the professor	Name	(Korean) 베네딕트도미니크	(English) DeDominicus Benedict Edward			
	Department	International Studies				
	Position	professor of political science				
	Major Area	political science				
Educational Background	PhD, University of Pittsburgh, BA, Ohio State University					
Research/Career Background	US Foreign Policy, International Organizations, Nationalism, Eastern Europe					
Overview of the course	<p>American Political Institutions will be an introduction to the study of the major themes and issues for understanding contemporary American politics, including the most recent 2016 presidential national election. Following the format of the textbook, American Government: Roots and Reform – 2016 Presidential Election by Karen O'Connor and Larry J. Sabato, the course will begin in part 1 chapter 1 with a survey of the latest findings on American political culture and the politically relevant characteristics of American society. Chapter 2 continues with a focus on the creation of the United States of America and its Constitution. Chapter 3 delves in-depth into the basic structure and evolution of American federalism as the most basic feature of American national government. Chapter 4 focuses on American civil liberties as protections from the national government as they have evolved from their inclusion in the first amendments to the Constitution: the Bill of Rights. Chapter 5 focuses on the transition to the struggle for incorporation of civil liberties at the national federal level into civil rights for all US individual citizens. Part 2, Chapter 6 begins the study of contemporary American national governmental institutions with its focus on the US Congress. Chapter 7 focuses on the Presidency. Chapter 8 focuses on the less visible but critically important role in American national life of the rest of the executive branch including the federal bureaucracy. Chapter 9 focuses on the third branch of the US national government, the judiciary, a branch which plays an ever more important role in mediating and resolving disputes in an ever more complex American society through applying and adapting US law. The course then shifts to use another book, an edited volume, Campaign of Chaos: Trump, Biden, Harris, and the 2024 American Election edited by Larry J. Sabato, Kyle Kondik and J. Miles Coleman (New York, Bloomsbury, 2025), to cover the 2024 US presidential election.</p>					
Educational Purpose of the class	<p>The Course Objectives in terms of student learning are the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrate greater critical familiarity with the basic features of American national governmental institutions including why and how they evolved, and how they shape contemporary American political behavior.</li> <li>2. Demonstrate greater critical awareness of major themes in current American public and foreign policy debates and the role of political science in helping to understand them.</li> <li>3. Demonstrate greater critical awareness of the relevance of these American political issues from the perspective of local, state, national and world citizenship.</li> <li>4. Demonstrate more effective written and oral communication skills for political analysis and persuasion for distribution to different stakeholders.</li> <li>5. Demonstrate greater political strategic negotiation skill.</li> </ol>					
Course Materials	Title of the book		Publisher	Author	Year	Textbook(Yes/No)
	1) American Government: Roots and Reform – 2016 Presidential Election & 2) Campaign of Chaos: Trump, Biden, Harris, and the 2024 American Election		1) Pearson, 2) Bloomsbury	1) Larry Sabato and Karen O'Connor 2) Sabato et al.	1) 2018, 2) 2025	yes
	Number	Date	session title	Description of the session		
	1	2026.0304	01. 미국의정치제도(Introduction to American Political Institutions)	Sabato and O'Connor Chapter 1, "American Government: Roots, Context, and Culture"		대표차시
	2	2026.0309	02. 미국의정치제도(Introduction to American Political Institutions)	Sabato and O'Connor Chapter 2, "The Constitution"		대표차시
	3	2026.0316	03. 미국의정치제도(Introduction to American Political Institutions)	Sabato and O'Connor Chapter 3, "The Federal System"		대표차시
	4	2026.0330	04. 미국의정치제도(Introduction to American Political Institutions)	Sabato and O'Connor Chapter 4, "Civil Liberties"		대표차시
	5	2026.0406	05. 미국의정치제도(Introduction to American Political Institutions)	Sabato and O'Connor Chapter 5, "Civil Rights"		대표차시
	6	2026.0408	06. 미국의정치제도(Introduction to American Political Institutions)	Sabato and O'Connor Chapter 6, "Congress"		추가차시
	7	2026.0413	07. 미국의정치제도(Introduction to American Political Institutions)	Sabato and O'Connor Chapter 7, "The Presidency"		대표차시
	8	2026.0427	08. 미국의정치제도(Introduction to American Political Institutions)	No regular class; individual professor-student conference sessions		대표차시
	9	2026.0504	09. 미국의정치제도(Introduction to American Political Institutions)	Sabato and O'Connor Chapter 8, "The Executive Branch and the Federal Bureaucracy"		대표차시
	10	2026.0511	10. 미국의정치제도(Introduction to American Political Institutions)	Sabato and O'Connor Chapter 9, "The Judiciary"		대표차시
	11	2026.0513	11. 미국의정치제도(Introduction to American Political Institutions)	Sabato et al. Chapter 1, Larry J. Sabato, "Grover Cleveland's Successor" and Chapter 2, Alan I Abramowitz, "How Trump Won: Continuity and Change in a Polarized Electorate," in Campaign of Chaos: Trump, Biden, Harris, and the 2024 American Election edited by Larry J. Sabato, Kyle Kondik and J. Miles Coleman		추가차시
	12	2026.0518	12. 미국의정치제도(Introduction to American Political Institutions)	Sabato et al. Chapter 3, J. Miles Coleman and Kyle Kondik, "The Presidential Primary Season: Both Candidates Dominate, but Only One is Nominated" and Chapter 4, Lakshya Jain, "Educational Polarization, Racial Depolarization: Demographic Trends in Trump's Elections" and Chapter 5, J. Miles Coleman, "The Senate: Republicans Take the Majority"		대표차시
	13	2026.0527	13. 미국의정치제도(Introduction to American Political Institutions)	Sabato et al. Chapter 6, Kyle Kondik, "Trench Warfare in the House: Republicans Retain a Small Edge" and Chapter 7, Madelaine Pisani, Governors and State Legislatures" and Chapter 8, Mark Hugo Lopez, "Trump Made Further Gains with Latino Voters in 2024"		대표차시
	14	2026.0601	14. 미국의정치제도(Introduction to American Political Institutions)	Sabato et al. Chapter 9, Natalie Jackson, "Polling the 2024 Election" and Chapter 10, Grace Panetta, "How Trump Eluded a Backlash to Abortion Bans to Retake the White House" and Chapter 11, Michael E. Toner and Karen E. Trainer, "The \$16 Billion Election: Emerging Campaign Finance Trends and Their Impact on the 2024 Presidential Race and Beyond"		대표차시
	15	2026.0615	15. 미국의정치제도(Introduction to American Political Institutions)	Sabato et al. Chapter 12, Diana Owen, "Media in the Election: The Impact of Social Media, Influencers, and AI" and Chapter 13, Sean Trende, "Why a Narrow Loss Sparked Such Deep Doubt for Democrats" and Chapter 14, Larry Schack and Mick McWilliams, "Democracy at a Crossroads at Dawn of Second Trump Administration"		대표차시