The first exam covers the following material:
- Class, November 1 – December 7
- Pika, Maltese & Rudalevige, *The Politics of the Presidency*, 267-539
- Wayne, *The Road to the White House* 2012, 279-306
- My Gateway: "Obama's Obama" *President Hillary Clinton" OR "President Donald Trump" *"Rushing Toward a Legacy"

The exam has 4 parts. It includes 20 true/false items worth two (2) points each, two identification items worth ten (10) points each, one essay worth 40 points, and a course summary essay worth 30 points.

The exam counts as twenty percent of your final grade. NOTE: This exam includes 2 essays (see page 2 for second essay)

Part 2: Identification (20 points total). You will define, illustrate, and explain the importance for the presidency of two (2) of the following. You will be able to choose from four on the exam. Each identification item is worth 10 points. (PMR=Pika, Maltese & Rudalevige)

- Recruitment of political executives (PMR, 272-273, 276-277)
- Inner Cabinet & Outer Cabinet (PMR, 286)
- Vice-President Dick Cheney (PMR 291-293)
- Executive orders (PMR, 302-303)
- Solicitor General (PMR, 352-354)
- Unitary executive and constitutional construction (PMR, 358-359)
- The first stream: Problems and Issues (PMR, 376-378)
- The second stream: Solutions (PMR, 378-380)
- Political capital (PMR, 383-385)
- Domestic policy process in the Obama administration (PMR, 399-400)
- Efforts to stabilize the economy, 2008-2014 (PMR 417-419)
- Macroeconomic policy and interest groups (PMR, 435-438)
- The OMB in the economic subpresidency (PMR, 444-446)
- George W. Bush’s national security strategy (PMR 474-476)
- Obama administration and Iranian nuclear weapons (PMR, 481-482)
- Executive agreements (PMR, 488-490)
- War Powers Resolution (PMR, 500-502)
- “Bureaus have Allies” (“the “Iron Triangle” - class)
- Franklin Roosevelt and the Court Packing Scheme, 1937 (class and PMR)
- Denis McDonough (class and My Gateway)
- Huston Plan (class)
- The Plumbers Unit (class)
- “Saturday Night Massacre” (class)
- “Solutions: Romneycare & Obama’s Promise” (class)
- The 2009 Obama stimulus package (class)
- The debt ceiling battle, 2011 (class)
- Treason in the Constitution (class)
- Habeas corpus in the Constitution
- Limiting campaign contributions and expenditures (Wayne 288)

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Part 3: Essay (40 points). You will write an essay in response to one of the following questions. The best answers will blend evidence from lectures and all the books; they will be clear, concise, and they will use specific examples. Two of these essay questions will appear on the exam. The essay is worth 40 points.

1. Watergate. Why was Richard Nixon so concerned about “leaks” such as the Pentagon Papers during his presidency? How did the Huston Plan and the Plumbers aim to stop these leaks? What was the Watergate break-in and why did it happen? How was the break-in and coverup investigated? What crimes were committed by Nixon officials? What made Watergate different from other episodes of corruption in American history? Be specific.

2. Presidential Appointments to the Supreme Court. Describe and give examples of the three kinds of qualifications that presidents use to screen nominees for the Supreme Court (PMR 344-346)? What kinds of factors does David Yalof identify that influence the president’s decision about who to nominate, and how to the Justice Department and White House influence that nomination (PMR 346-347)? How is Senate confirmation of Supreme Court nominees a “test of presidential strength” (PMR 349-350)?

3. Policy Streams & Obamacare (PMR, 376-382 and class). PMR identify three streams in the policy process. Define, describe in detail each of the three streams, and then use the case of the Affordable Care Act (as discussed in class) to give clear, specific examples of each stream. Explain how each stream affects the president's role as policy maker (PMR).

4. The Politics of Macroeconomic Policy-making (PMR, 434-438). Define, describe and give examples of the impact of policy politics, electoral politics, and interest groups politics on macroeconomic policy making. Be sure to describe business and labor, agriculture, the financial community, state and local governments, and other nations. Use clear examples.

5. The Obama Era in National Security Policy (PMR 477-483). Describe Obama’s National Security Strategy of 2010. Then describe the way the Obama administration actually dealt with each of the following problem in international relations: (1) Iraq; (2) Afghanistan; (3) Russia; (4) the “Arab Spring.” Be sure to include material on these issues from both Obama’s first term and his second term.

Part 4: Course Summary Essay (30 Points)

Many people were unhappy with the choices and the results of the 2016 election. Using Wayne’s chapter and our class discussions of the Electoral College, use the 2016 election to explain the criticisms and the strengths of the Electoral College, and then discuss whether or how the Electoral College system should be changed. Use this opportunity to show how much you’ve learned about the presidency in this course.