Exam 2 Review Guide, POS 3413, Fall 2002

The exam will be a combination of essay, short answer, and fill-in-the-blank questions. Please bring a blue book for the exam. The exam will cover material from class lectures (see outlines for Lectures 6-13 at www.fiu.edu/~chanlevy) and discussion, debate topics 6–9, chapters 8-13 in Milkis and Nelson, and chapters 3-8 in Cronin and Genovese.

The following identifies more specific information that you should review for the exam:

1. For debate topics 6-9, what are the most important arguments on each side? Which arguments are most compelling and why?

2. How and why do scholars study public evaluations of presidential approval? What factors have been found to have important influences on public approval for the president, and how do these factors affect presidential approval? (e.g. when the U.S. goes to war or there are concerns about threats from abroad, public approval for the president typically increases—this is known as the “rally” effect)

3. What are the principal characteristics that distinguish the modern presidency from the premodern presidency?

4. In what ways has the relationship between the president and Congress changed from the premodern to the modern presidency? What factors have influenced these changes in the relationship between the president and Congress? Be able to give examples of how different factors have affected the relationship between the president and Congress. For example, how has the increasing importance of public opinion in U.S. politics influenced the relative power of the president and Congress?

5. What is the process by which impeachment and removal from office occurs? Which presidents have been impeached or threatened with impeachment, and what were the circumstances surrounding these impeachments (or potential impeachments)?

6. In the period from Theodore Roosevelt to George W. Bush, which political parties have presidents been associated with? How have different presidents and political parties viewed the presidency and the role of the federal government in U.S. politics? Be prepared to give examples to illustrate these points.

7. What are the constitutional guidelines that influence the relationship between the executive and judiciary, and how has the relationship between the president and the judiciary developed and changed, particularly in the years since 1900?

8. Important Supreme Court decisions concerning the executive – what was the outcome of the case and why is it important? The cases that may be covered on the exam are:

1803, Marbury v. Madison       1952, Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company v. Sawyer
1866, Ex Parte Milligan        1974, U.S. v. Nixon
1936, United States v. Curtiss-Wright Export Corporation  1997, Clinton v. Jones
1937, Belmont Case             2000, Bush v. Gore
1942, Ex Parte Quirin
