

Political Science 389–003 (Fall 2007): Final Exam Study Guide—Key Terms

The exam will include a number of short-answer questions. The following list of terms covers most of the key concepts those questions are likely to refer to.

- Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act (BCRA)
- non-PAC 527 groups and issue advertising
- electioneering and express advocacy
- soft money
- investor and partisan contribution strategies
- Help America Vote Act (HAVA)
- Palm Beach butterfly ballot
- residual vote
- Bush v. Gore
- overvotes and voting machine technology in Florida 2000
- voting machines and turnout in Ohio 2004
- precinct-tabulated optical scan ballots
- DREs and VVPAT
- single-peaked preferences
- ideal point, preference and indifference
- separability of preferences
- median voter theorem
- median convergence result
- Stackleberg entry model
- Duverger's Law
- winset
- strategy of ambiguity
- the Legislator's Dilemma
- chaos theorems

- Pareto set
- $|V_A - V_Z| - C > 0$
- $PB - C > 0$ versus $PB - C + D > 0$
- strategic abstention and strategic ignorance
- declining voter turnout?
- VAP versus VEP
- the “simple act of voting”
- Michigan model
- party ID
- libcon
- vote REP if $y_i^* > 0$, DEM if $y_i^* < 0$
- spatial models of ideology
- culture war?
- sorting
- social conservatism versus class voting
- polarization in contemporary American politics
- pocketbook and sociotropic voting
- prospective and retrospective voting
- incumbent advantage
- gerrymandering
- majority-minority districts
- midterm loss phenomenon
- ticket splitting
- sincere and strategic voting
- institutional balancing