**MSJC Political Science 101**

**Study Questions – Chapter 6**

NOTE: Sections marked with an asterisk (\*) must be read and questions answered at home. Sections without an asterisk will be covered in class.

6.1\*

1. Compare and contrast the delegate model of representation, the trustee model of representation, the politico model of representation and the conscience model of representation.

6.2\*

1. Explain the bicameral legislature as defined in the Constitution.
2. According to the Constitution, what are the requirements for serving in Congress?
3. What is meant by the rotation provision of the Constitution?
4. Explain how a bill becomes a law.
5. What is meant by the elastic clause or necessary and proper clause of Article I Section 8 and why is it so important?
6. What is an at-large district?
7. Explain the idea of geographic representation.
8. What is gerrymandering and why is it dangerous?
9. Explain the decision in *Baker v. Carr*.
10. What is meant by reapportionment

6.3\*

1. What are standing committees?
2. Explain the advantages of standing committees.
3. List and explain the different types of committees.
4. Briefly explain the function of committees.

6.4\*

1. Briefly explain the four major functions of political parties in the legislature.
2. Explain the significance of the majority party in Congress.
3. What are congressional caucuses?
4. Explain party unity scores
5. Explain the hierarchy of leadership in Congress.
6. Explain some powers of the congressional leaders.

6.5\*

1. Which chamber of Congress has fewer rules and regulations? Why?
2. Explain the concepts of unanimous consent, filibuster, cloture and hold in the Senate.
3. Explain the informal Congressional rules of seniority, apprenticeship norm, civility, specialization, reciprocity, and logrolling.
4. What is meant by pork barrel legislation?

6.6\*

1. Briefly explain how a bill becomes a law.
2. Explain how lawmaking has become more unorthodox in recent years.