**MSJC Political Science 101**

**Study Questions – Chapter 8**

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

8.1\*

1. What is meant by the bureaucracy?
2. Explain how government bureaucracies work within the existing system of separation of powers.
3. Which branch of government does the bureaucracy fall under?
4. Explain the first four departments of the federal government.
5. Why did the government change (expand the bureaucracy) at the end of the 19th century?
6. What happened to the federal government under FDR? Why?
7. Explain the four types of organizations in the federal bureaucracy.
8. Explain the three new departments that were created in response to major political or economic crises and the crises that prompted their creation.

8.2\*

1. How are the secretaries of the departments generally chosen? What are the advantages and disadvantages of this system?

8.3\*

1. Many people always see bureaucracies as inefficient and unnecessary, but they actually serve many advantages. Explain four advantages of a bureaucratic government.
2. What is the patronage or spoils system and how do bureaucracies avoid this? What event caused the change?
3. Explain the significance of the Hatch Act.
4. Explain some disadvantages of the government bureaucracy.
5. Explain decentralization and privatization and how they may be alternatives to government bureaucracy.
6. What was the Senior Executive Service and why was it enacted?

8.4\*

1. What is meant by the iron triangle? Why are they so powerful?
2. What are issue networks or policy communities?
3. How do members of the bureaucracy affect information?
4. Who are whisteblowers? How are they protected?
5. What is meant by regulations within the bureaucracy?
6. How can presidents use these regulations to further their agenda?
7. How can the bureaucracy play the role of the justice system?
8. How is the bureaucracy subject to oversight and accountability?