**MSJC Political Science 101**

**Study Questions – Chapter 13**

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

13.1\*

1. Explain the constitutional amendments that broadened the scope of the American electorate. (14th, 15th, 19th, 24th, 26th)
2. How did some states use Article I of the Constitution to restrict voting?
3. Explain the decision of the majority opinion in *Smith v. Allright*.
4. Explain the changes that were enacted due to the Voting Rights Act of 1965.
5. Explain the significance of residency and registration laws, including the motor voter law.

13.2\*

1. What is meant by voter turnout?
2. Explain three reasons by in the early 20th century (1900s), voter turnout was so low.
3. In the last 50 years, electoral participation has seemed to decline overall. Explain five theories that might account for this.
4. Lower income Americans voter turnout is lower than other Americans. Explain two reasons why.
5. Younger voters are increasing their turnout. Explain two possible reasons to account for this.

13.6\*

1. What is the Electoral College?
2. What was the original purpose for the electoral college?
3. What was the significance of the Twelfth Amendment?
4. Why might a presidential nominee win the popular vote, but lose the electoral vote and the presidency?
5. Name the four presidents who lost the popular vote, but won the presidency.