**MSJC Political Science 101**

**Study Questions – Chapter 3**

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

3.1\*

1. Explain the difference between a federal government, a confederation and a unitary government.

2. Explain the difference between Dillon’s rule and home rule.

3.2

1. Explain the concept of dual federalism.
2. Explain the issue and resolution in McCulloch v. Maryland. Why was the case such a landmark?
3. Why was the decision in *Cohens v. Virginia* so important to the future of the judicial system?
4. Explain the issue and decision in *Gibbons v. Ogden*.
5. Explain the 10th Amendment.
6. Explain how the doctrine of nullification was used to promote states rights.
	* 1. How was the doctrine of secession and expression of dual federalism?
		2. How was the Constitution changed after the Civil War w/ regard to federalism?
		3. Why did the federal gov’t and not states pass laws to deal w/ the effects of industrialization and urbanization in the late 19th century?
		4. How was the Supreme Court of the late 1800s and early 1900s different from the Marshall Court?

3.3\*

1. Explain the New Deal and how it affected the concept of federalism.
2. How did the Supreme Court react to the New Deal?
3. Explain how Lyndon Johnson’s presidency marked a critical point in the evolution of federalism.
4. How are grants-in-aid a tool of creative federalism?
5. Explain the differences between categorical grants (both formula grants and project grants) and block grants.

3.4\*

1. Explain what is meant by devolution. Give an example of devolution in the mid 1990s.
2. Explain some arguments for and against devolution.
3. In recent years, how has the Supreme Court generally decided cases about states’ rights?