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## **Federal Government POLS 2305**

### **REQUIRED TEXTBOOK**

The textbook is free of charge and available at:

<https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/american-government>.

Students can either download the PDF or read the textbook online.

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This class is an introduction to Federal government and politics. Online PowerPoint presentations will supplement textbook readings. Postings and exams will assess student learning outcomes.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVE AND LEARNING OUTCOMES**

This course is part of the ASU core.

CT: Students will develop critical thinking skills and the ability to critically evaluate their political environment.

CS: Students will gain and be able to demonstrate a basic knowledge of Federal government.

SR: Students will gain and be able to demonstrate a basic knowledge of Federal government.

PR: Students will exhibit the skills necessary to understand and evaluate political outcomes.

### **EXAMINATIONS AND MEANS OF ASSESSMENT**

Exams (15% Each, 60% total): I will administer four exams, including a final exam. Questions will be drawn from the readings and the PowerPoint lectures. A review sheet will be given prior to each exam through Blackboard. MAKEUPS WILL BE GIVEN FOR DOCUMENTED MEDICAL REASONS ONLY.

Postings (40% total): Postings of 250 words will be due weekly based on prompts provided through Blackboard. Late postings will be reduced by 10% for each day they are late. Any postings with plagiarized material will not receive credit.

### **RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES**

Every effort will be made to accommodate all forms of religious observance in compliance with ASU OP 10.19. Students who require additional arrangements to be made should make these known in good time in order that arrangements can be made.

### **SPECIAL NEEDS**

In accordance with OP 10.15 of ASU's Operating Policies and Procedures, persons with disabilities which may warrant academic accommodations must contact the Student Life Office, Room 112 University Center, in order to request such accommodations prior to any accommodations being implemented. You are encouraged to make this request early in the semester so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

### **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

[Angelo State University Honor Code http://www.angelo.edu/forms/pdf/Honor\\_Code.pdf](http://www.angelo.edu/forms/pdf/Honor_Code.pdf) : Angelo State University expects its students to maintain

complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuits. Therefore, you are responsible for understanding the Academic Honor Code. Click on the link to access the code.

### **WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COURSE**

The last day to drop a course or withdraw from the University will be October 31, 2019.

### **COURSE OUTLINE**

Students should begin each week by reading the Chapter that is available in the textbook. Students should then work to complete their assigned posting. After completing the posting, students should be sure to review the key terms of each chapter since they will be important for each exam. Students can also look at the review sheets to prepare for future exams.

8/26 Chapter 1

Posting 1 Due 8/30

9/2 Chapter 2

Posting 2 Due 9/6

### **9/9 Exam 1 Due**

9/9 Chapter 3

Posting 3 Due 9/13

9/16 Chapter 4

Posting 4 Due 9/20

9/23 Chapter 5

Posting 5 due 9/27

9/30 Chapter 6

Posting 6 Due 10/4

### **10/7 Exam 2 Due**

10/7 Chapter 7 (Note Chapter 8 is skipped)

Posting 7 Due 10/11

10/14 Chapter 9

Posting 8 Due 10/18

10/21 Chapter 10

Posting 9 Due 10/25

10/28 Chapter 11

Posting 10 Due 11/1

11/4 Chapter 12

Posting 11 Due 11/8

### **11/11 Exam 3 Due**

11/11 Chapter 13 (Note Chapter 14 is skipped)

Posting 12 Due 11/15

11/18 Chapter 15

Posting 13 Due 11/22

11/25 Chapter 16

Posting 14 Due 12/2

12/2 Chapter 17

Posting 15 Due 12/6

**Final Exam Due 12/11**