

POLS 2305 - FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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Office Hours: I do not have an assigned office at Angelo State, but am available by email which I check periodically throughout the day.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:

The textbook is free of charge and available at the following link:

<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 OBJECTIVES AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

This course is a 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): There will be four exams, including a final exam consisting of short essays. Questions will be drawn from 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 a minimum 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 materials 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 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: http://www.angelo.edu/forms/pdf/Honor_Code.pdf

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COURSE

The last day to drop a course or withdraw from the University will be October 1, 2019.