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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 (20% Each, 60% total): I will administer three 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.

### **GRADING SCALE**

A - 90% B - 80% C - 70% D - 60% F - Less than 60%

### **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.

### **TITLE IX**

Angelo State University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. In accordance with Title VII, Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE), and other federal and state laws, the University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, and other types of Sexual Misconduct.

Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence

(domestic violence or dating violence), sexual violence, and any other misconduct based on sex.

You are encouraged to report any incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Office of Title IX

Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator, Michelle Boone, J.D.  
You may submit reports in the following manner:

**Online:** [www.angelo.edu/incident-form](http://www.angelo.edu/incident-form)

**Face to Face:** Mayer Administration Building,  
Room 210

**Phone:** 325-942-2022

**E-Mail:** [michelle.boone@angelo.edu](mailto:michelle.boone@angelo.edu)

*Note, as a faculty member at Angelo State, I am a mandatory reporter and must report incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator. Should you wish to speak to someone in confidence about an issue, you may contact the University Counseling Center (325-942-2371), the 24-Hour Crisis Helpline (325-486-6345), or the University Health Clinic (325-942-2171).*

For more information about resources related to sexual misconduct, Title IX, or Angelo State's policy please visit: [www.angelo.edu/title-ix](http://www.angelo.edu/title-ix).

### **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 to withdraw from the University will be posted on Blackboard

### **COURSE OUTLINE**

6/1 Civic Engagement

Reading: Chapter 1

Posting 1 Due 6/3

6/4 The US Constitution

Reading: Chapter 2

Posting 2 Due 6/7

**6/9-6/10 Exam 1**

6/11 The Congress

Reading: Chapter 11

Posting 3 Due 6/14

6/15 The Executive Branch

Reading: Chapter 12

Posting 4 Due 6/18

**6/19-6/20 Exam 2**

6/21 The Judicial Branch

Reading: Chapter 13

Posting 5 Due 6/24

6/25 Domestic and Foreign Policy

Reading: Chapter 16

Posting 6 Due 6/28

**6/30-7/1 Final**