Political Science 2305 – Spring (2021)
Federal Government

Required Textbook:
The textbook is free of charge and available at:
Students can either download the PDF or read the textbook online.

Course Description:
This class is an introduction to Federal government and politics. Students will be
required to watch/listen to lecture, dependent on their scheduled day to attend
class. Students will complete weekly writing assignments based on the assigned
readings and lectures. The course will have two regular exams and one final exam.

Hybrid Course Setup:
This course will be taught as a hybrid. You will be assigned alphabetically to which
days you will meet in person in order to maintain social distancing and CDC
guidelines. You will have strictly enforced assigned seating. For the days you are
not in person, lectures will be made available via live stream. I anticipate there will
be hiccups in technology, but please speak up if you have any issues. We will get
through this semester smoothly if we adhere to policy and keep an open line of
communication. Masks must be worn by all students. Faculty may remove mask for
lecture if at least 6 ft. of distance can be maintained.

Instructor Info:
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Office hours will be held
virtually.

Grades will be based on the following criteria:

1. Exams– 25%
2. Final Exam - 50%
3. Weekly Writing Assignments. 250 word minimum. MLA format. Prompts to be posted on Blackboard – 25%

Grading Scale: A - 90% B - 80% C - 70% D - 60% F - Less than 60%
Semester Content Schedule:
A. Week 1: Chapter 1
   250-word Writing Assignment due 1/31.
B. Week 2: Chapter 2
   250-word Writing Assignment due 2/7
C. Week 3: Chapter 3
   Writing Assignment due 2/14
D. Week 4: Chapter 4
   Writing Assignment due 2/21
E. Week 5: Chapter 5
   Writing Assignment due 2/28
F. Week 6: Chapter 6
   Writing Assignment due 3/7
G. Week 7: Midterm Exam
H. Week 8: Chapter 7
   Writing Assignment due 3/21
I. Week 9: Chapter 8
   Writing Assignment due 3/28
J. Week 10: Chapter 9
   Writing Assignment due 4/4
K. Week 11: Chapter 10
   Writing Assignment due 4/11
L. Week 12: Chapter 11
   Writing Assignment due 4/18
M. Week 13: Chapter 12
   Writing Assignment due 4/25
N. Week 14: Chapter 13
   Writing Assignment due 5/2
O. Week 15: Chapter 14
   Writing Assignment due 5/9
P. Week 16: Final Exam Available Online

Required Use of Masks/Facial Coverings by Students on Campus

The Texas Tech University System has implemented a mandatory Facial Covering Policy to ensure a safe and healthy campus experience. Current research on the COVID-19 virus suggests that there is a significant reduction in the potential for transmission of the virus from person-to-person by wearing a mask/facial covering that covers the nose and mouth areas. Because of the potential for transmission of the virus, and to be consistent with the University’s requirement, students on campus are to wear a mask/facial covering. Observing safe distancing practices while on campus by spacing out and wearing a mask/facial covering will greatly improve our odds of having a safe and healthy campus experience.
Students requesting an exemption may need to wear a clear plastic face shield instead of a face mask. Students needing this accommodation should register with Student Disability Services and provide the appropriate documentation supporting this request. No accommodation exists that would exempt a student from wearing a mask/facial covering at any university-sponsored activity or event.

For religious or any other exemption-related questions, students should contact the Office of Student Affairs.

**General Policies related to this course:**
All students are required to follow the policies and procedures presented in these documents:
Angelo State University Student Handbook
Angelo State University Catalog

**Student Disability Services:**
ASU is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments of 2008 (ADAAA) and subsequent legislation.
Student Disability Services is located in the Office of Student Affairs, and is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability. It is the student's responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting an employee of the Office of Student Affairs, in the Houston Harte University Center, Room 112, or contacting the department via email at ADA@angelo.edu. For more information about the application process and requirements, visit the Student Disability Services website at www.angelo.edu/ADA. The employee charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing accommodation requests is: Ms. Dallas Swafford, Director of Student Disability Services 325-942-2047 dallas.swafford@angelo.edu Houston Harte University Center 112

**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
Face to Face: Mayer Administration Building, Room 210
Phone: 325-942-2022
Email: 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.

**Religious Holidays:**
A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. See ASU Operating Policy 10.19 Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Day for more information. It is policy that incomplete grades be reserved for student illness or personal misfortune. Please contact faculty if you have serious illness or a personal misfortune that would keep you from completing course work. Documentation may be required. See ASU Operating Policy 10.11 Grading Procedures for more information.

**Student Conduct Policies:**

**Academic Integrity**
Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in all work. Any student found guilty of any form of dishonesty in academic work is subject of disciplinary action and possible expulsion from ASU.

The College of Science and Engineering adheres to the Statement of Academic Integrity.

**Plagiarism**
Plagiarism is a serious topic covered in ASU’s Academic Integrity policy in the Student Handbook. Plagiarism is the action or practice of taking someone else’s work, idea, etc., and passing it off as one’s own. Plagiarism is literary theft.

In your discussions and/or your papers, it is unacceptable to copy word-for-word without quotation marks and the source of the quotation. It is expected that you will summarize or paraphrase ideas giving appropriate credit to the source both in the body of your paper and the reference list.

Papers are subject to be evaluated for originality via Turnitin. Resources to help you understand this policy better are available at the ASU Writing Center.

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