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Federal Government POLS 2305

ORIENTATION VIDEO

I would like to encourage you to watch the orientation video that is posted in Blackboard before you begin. I will go over some important course expectations and attempt to answer any questions you may have.

After watching the video, if you do have questions, do not hesitate to reach out by email or by phone and ask me.

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 DELIVERY PLATFORM

All course material will be delivered through Blackboard. Assignments and tests will be completed in Blackboard as well.

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 (100 Points Each – 60% of Total Points): There will be four exams, including a final exam. All exams will be multiple choice. Questions will be drawn from readings and the PowerPoint slides. A review sheet will be posted on Blackboard prior to each exam. MAKEUPS WILL BE GIVEN FOR DOCUMENTED MEDICAL REASONS ONLY.

POSTINGS (18 Points Each – 40% of Total Points): Postings of a minimum of 250 words per topic 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.

GRADING

Angelo State University employs a letter grade system. Grades in this course are determined on a percentage scale. Based on the course as currently projected, the point totals for each grade would be:

A = 90-100% (603-670 points)
B = 80-89% (536-602 points)
C = 70-79% (469-535 points)
D = 60-69% (402-468 points)
F = 59% and below (401 points or below)

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES

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 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
TITLE IX AT ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY:

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.

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.

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.

Copyright Policy

Students officially enrolled in this course should make only one printed copy of the given articles and/or chapters. You are expressly prohibited from distributing or reproducing any portion of course readings in printed or electronic form without written permission from the copyright holders or publishers.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COURSE

The last day to drop a course or withdraw from the University will be April 30, 2021.

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.

Week 1 – 1/25-1/31
Chapter 1, Posting 1 Due 1/29

Week 2 – 2/1-2/7
Chapter 2, Posting 2 Due 2/5

Week 3 – 2/8-2/14
Chapter 3, Posting 3 Due 2/12

2/15 – Exam #1 Due – Window for completion opens 2/12-2/15

Week 4 – 2/15-2/21
Chapter 4, Posting 4 Due 2/19

Week 5 – 2/22-2/28
Chapter 5, Posting 5 Due 2/26

Week 6 – 3/1-3/7
Chapter 6, Posting 6 Due 3/5

3/8 - Exam #2 Due – Window for completion opens 3/5-3/8

Week 7 – 3/8-3/14
Chapter 7, Posting 7 Due 3/12

Week 8 – 3/15-3/21
Chapter 9 (Chapter 8 is skipped), Posting 8 Due 3/19
Week 9 – 3/22-3/28
Chapter 10, Posting 9 Due 3/26

Week 10 – 3/29-4/4
Chapter 11, Posting 10 Due 4/2

Week 11 – 4/5-4/11
Chapter 12, Posting 11 Due 4/9

4/12 - Exam #3 Due – Window for completion opens 4/9-4/12

Week 12 – 4/12-4/18
Chapter 13, Posting 12 Due 4/16

Week 13 – 4/19-4/25
Chapters 15 (Chapter 14 is skipped), Posting 13 Due 4/23

Week 14 – 4/26-5/2
Chapters 16 & 17, Posting 14 Due 4/30

Week 15 – 5/3-5/9
No Reading Assignment, Posting 15 Due 5/7

Week 16 - Finals Week – 5/10-5/14
Final Exam Due 5/12 – Window for completion opens 5/7-5/12