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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): I will administer three exams, including a final exam consisting of fill in the blank questions. Questions will be drawn from the readings and PowerPoints. A review sheet will be given prior to each exam through Blackboard. MAKEUPS WILL BE GIVEN FOR DOCUMENTED MEDICAL REASONS ONLY

Postings (40% Total): Fifteen postings will be required throughout the course. They will be 250 words in length and will be based on a question provided by the instructor. All sources must be cited and late postings will be reduced by 10% for each day that they are late.

### **WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COURSE**

The last day to drop a course or withdraw from the University will be posted on Blackboard and can be viewed on the Academic Calendar.

### **COURSE OUTLINE**

Students should begin each week by reading the Chapter that is available in the textbook. Students should then review the PowerPoint. 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.

## Chapters and Postings

1/18 Chapter 1  
Posting 1 Due 1/23 by 11:59pm  
1/24 Chapter 2  
Posting 2 Due 1/30 by 11:59pm  
1/31 Chapter 3  
Posting 3 Due 2/6 by 11:59pm  
2/7 Chapter 4  
Posting 4 Due 2/13 by 11:59pm  
2/14 Chapter 5  
Posting 5 due 2/20 by 11:59pm  
2/21 Chapter 6  
Posting 6 Due 2/27 by 11:59pm  
**2/28 Exam 1 Due by 11:59pm**  
2/28 Chapter 7  
Posting 7 Due 3/6 by 11:59pm  
3/7 Chapter 9 (Note Chapter 8 is skipped)  
Posting 8 Due 3/13 by 11:59pm  
*SPRING BREAK 3/14- 3/18 NO ASSIGNMENTS*

3/21 Chapter 10  
Posting 9 Due 3/27 by 11:59pm  
3/28 Chapter 11  
Posting 10 Due 4/3 by 11:59pm  
4/4 Chapter 12  
Posting 11 Due 4/10 by 11:59pm  
**4/11 Exam 2 Due by 11:59pm**  
4/11 Chapter 13  
Posting 12 Due 4/17 by 11:59pm  
4/18 Chapter 15 (Note Chapter 14 is skipped)  
Posting 13 Due 4/24 by 11:59pm  
4/25 Chapter 16  
Posting 14 Due 5/1 by 11:59pm  
5/2 Chapter 17  
Posting 15 Due 5/8 by 11:59pm  
**Final Exam Open 5/9 8:00am, Closes on 5/11 11:59pm**

### GRADING SCALE

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

### *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](http://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](mailto: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 Miller, 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

Email: [michelle.miller@angelo.edu](mailto:michelle.miller@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).

### ***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.

#### **Copyright Policy**

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