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Federal Government POLS 2305

You are taking this course as an enrolled student at ASU. Accordingly, ASU rules of conduct apply to this course. Also, the ASU academic calendar applies, not your high school calendar. It is your responsibility to follow all due dates for assignments.

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 evaluate their political environment critically.

CS: Students will gain and be able to demonstrate a basic knowledge of the Federal government.

SR: Students will gain and be able to demonstrate a basic knowledge of the 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): I will administer four exams, including a final exam. Questions will be drawn from the readings and the PowerPoint lectures. A review sheet will be given before 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.

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 so that arrangements can be made.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DISABILITY

Filing of your accommodation with your high school does not mean that it is known to ASU. You must file for your accommodation with ASU.

ASU is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall be based on 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. The Student Affairs Office is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability. The student's responsibility is to initiate such a request by contacting the Student Affairs Office, Suite 112 of the Houston Harte University Center, at 325-942-2047 (phone) or 325-942-2211 (fax) or by e-mail at

studentservices@angelo.edu to begin the process. The Student Affairs Office will establish the particular documentation requirements necessary for the various types of disabilities.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Angelo State University expects its students to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuits. Students are responsible for understanding and complying with the University Academic Honor Code, contained in both print and web versions of the ASU Student Handbook. See the Current Student page on the ASU homepage (URL address <http://www.angelo.edu/currentstudent/>) and click on the Academic Honor Code. As referenced in Angelo State University's Student Handbook, acts of academic dishonesty and misconduct will be referred to the Dean of Students.

Plagiarism is a serious offense at the college level. First offense, and you will receive one chance to remedy the issue. Second offense, you will receive a zero for the assignment. Third offense, you will receive a failing grade for the course and be reported to ASU administration and your school administration. If you do not know what plagiarism is, there are many tutorials on the web and links to some in the content folder.

TITLE IX

The University prohibits discrimination based on sex, including pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination, including: sexual assault, sex-based discrimination, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence and/or dating violence), and stalking. As a faculty member, I am a Responsible Employee meaning that I am obligated by law and ASU policy to report any allegations I am notified of to the Office of Title IX Compliance. Students are encouraged to report any incidents of sexual misconduct directly to ASU's Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator at:

Michelle Boone, J.D.

Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator

Mayer Administration Building, Room 210

325-942-2022 michelle.boone@angelo.edu

You may also file a report online 24/7 at www.angelo.edu/incident-form.

If you wish to speak to someone about an incident in confidence, you may contact the University Health Clinic and Counseling Center at 325-942-2173 or the ASU Crisis Helpline at 325-486-6345.

For more information about Title IX in general, you may visit www.angelo.edu/title-ix.

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. Students can also look at the review sheets to prepare for future exams. **All postings are open so you can complete them early if you want. Exams are only open on the date specified. All Deadlines 11:59 pm on date listed.**

1/18 Chapter 1

1/21 Posting 1 Due

1/24 Chapter 2

1/28 Posting Due

1/31 Exam 1 Due

2/1 Chapter 3

2/4 Posting 3 Due

2/7 Chapter 4

2/11 Posting 4 Due

2/14 Chapter 5

2/18 Posting 5 due

2/21 Chapter 6

2/25 Posting 6 Due

2/28 Exam 2 Due

3/1 Chapter 7 (Note Chapter 8 is skipped)

3/4 Posting 7 Due

3/7 Chapter 9

3/11 Posting 8 Due

3/21 Chapter 10

3/25 Posting 9 Due

3/28 Chapter 11

4/1 Posting 10 Due

4/4 Chapter 12

4/8 Posting 11 Due

4/11 Exam 3 Due

4/12 Chapter 13 (Note Chapter 14 is skipped)

4/15 Posting 12 Due

4/18 Chapter 15

4/22 Posting 13 Due

11/25 Chapter 16

4/29 Posting 14 Due

4/31 Chapter 17

5/4 Posting 15 Due

5/9 Final Exam Due