

Political Science 2306 - Texas Government (LVHS)

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OFFICE HOURS: TBD/Appointment Recommended

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

The textbook is free of charge and available at:
Students can either download the PDF or read the textbook online. The textbook will be located in Blackboard.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This class is an introduction to Texas 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 (70% total): I will administer four written exams. Exam prompts will be posted one week in advance and will be due by 11:59 PM on the dates posted in the course calendar.

Weekly Postings (30% total): Periodic Quizzes, Essay, and Class Participation

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.

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 :
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 withdraw from the University will be April 28, 2022.

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.

Course Calendar:

First Day of Class: January 18, 2022

Last Day of Class: May 13, 2022

Block 1:

Introduction to Texas Government and History

Chapters 1-3

Exam 1 - Friday February 11th

Block 2:

TX Elections, Legislature and Governor

Chapters 4-6

Exam 2 - Friday March 18th

Block 3:

State Parks, Local Government and Budget Process

Chapters 7 and 8

Exam 3 - Friday April 15th

Block 4:

TX Courts System and Criminal Law

Chapters 9 and 10

Final Exam - Friday May 13th

Title IX:

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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:

o Online: www.angelo.edu/incident-form

o Face to Face: Mayer Administration Building, Room 210 o Phone: 325-942-2022

o Email: 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.