

Political Science 2306 - Texas Government

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OFFICE HOURS: TBD/Appointment Recommended

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Texas Government OER POLS 2306

The textbook is free of charge and available at:

(A PDF version will be provided in blackboard.)

Students can either download the PDF or read the textbook online.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Welcome to Texas Government (Political Science 2306) Online. This course is not “live” and moves quickly so if you anticipate schedule or deadline issues, you may opt to take the full course in the Fall or Spring. POLSCI 2306 will examine the inputs and outputs of our Texas Government system through its various institutions. It is important to keep up with your weekly readings and deadlines to be successful in this course. Late work or “makeup work” will not be allowed. No exceptions.

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

Discussion Posts (40% total): 5 Discussion Posts will be provided each Monday and should answer the prompt thoroughly in a well organized 2 page paper using MLA format and double-spaced. You must submit papers through the “turnitin ap” in BlackBoard where you will also find each week’s prompt. Use your weekly readings and any supplemental sources provided to use for your discussion papers.

Weekly Tests (60% total) 5 Tests will be posted each week (on Mondays) and will consist of multiple-choice questions and/or short answer. Tests will have between 10-20 questions depending on readings. Readings and any supplemental sources provided are encouraged to help you on your exams.

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.

Important Dates:

Semester Begins: MONDAY, JULY 11TH

Semester Ends: FRIDAY, AUGUST 12TH

Last Day to Withdraw from Course:

Course Schedule:

Week 1 - Read Chapters 1 and 2 - "Welcome to TX Government" and "Federalism" - Discussion Post and Test Due by Friday, July 15th by 11:59PM.

Week 2 - Read Chapter 3: Texas Constitution. Discussion and Test due by Friday, July 22nd by 11:59PM.

Week 3 - Read Chapter 4: TX Elections. Discussion and Test due by Friday, July 29th by 11:59PM.

Week 4 - Read Chapters 5 and 6: Executive and Legislative Depts. Discussion and Quiz due by Friday, August 5th by 11:59PM.

Week 5 - Read Chapters 8, 9, and 10 on Local Government, Judicial Dept. and Criminal Law. Final Discussion and Final Test due on Friday, August 12th by 11:59PM.

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:

- 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.