

# American Government

## GOVT-2305

Spring 2019 Section 325 CRN-24005 3 Credits 01/14/2019 to 05/09/2019 Modified 01/11/2019

### Meeting Times

Class	1:25 pm - 2:40 pm	MW	T Building 121
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Office Hours MW 12:00-1:15

TTH 9:30-10:30

or by appointment

### Description

Government 2305 is a study of the organization, functions, and administration of the several branches and agencies of the national government, including a study of the federal constitution. The primary factors considered relate to the three branches of government - judicial, executive, legislative -- major historical documents, the events that shaped the nation, and current events. Emphasis will be placed on the interaction of these subsystems. 48 contact hours. Credit: Three semester hours.

#### Requisites

Student must be college reading ready according to Texas Success Initiatives Standards (TSI). Please see the Catalog section under Texas Success Initiative.

### Core Curriculum Statement

Through the Texas Core Curriculum, students will gain a foundation of knowledge in human cultures and the physical and natural world, develop principles of personal and social responsibility for living in a diverse world, and advance intellectual and practical skills that are essential for all learning. For details relating to this core course, please see:

[http://www.blinn.edu/academics/core\\_curriculum.html](http://www.blinn.edu/academics/core_curriculum.html) ([http://www.blinn.edu/academics/core\\_curriculum.html](http://www.blinn.edu/academics/core_curriculum.html))

### Outcomes

Explain the origin and development of constitutional democracy in the United States.

Demonstrate knowledge of the federal system.

Describe separation of powers and checks and balances in both theory and practice.

Demonstrate knowledge of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the federal government.

Evaluate the role of public opinion, interest groups, and political parties in the political system.

Analyze the election process.

Describe the rights and responsibilities of citizens.

Analyze issues and policies in U.S. politics.

## Materials

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### WE THE PEOPLE 2017 PKG

**REQUIRED** | By GINSBERG

EDITION: 11E

ISBN: 9780393622850

PUBLISHER: NORTON

## Course Requirements

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Three exams(100 points each) Six Participation Quizzes (counting the five highest grades) (50 points total ) Written assignment(50 points) and comprehensive final exam (200 points)

## Evaluation

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### *CRITERIA FOR GRADING:*

A=600-540

B=539-480

C=479-420

D=419-360

F=359 and below

## Blinn College Policies

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## Course Policies

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Missed exams must be made up. Its is the students responsibility to make arrangements for make up exams. Missed exams must be made up immediately following the students return to the classroom. Failure to do so will result in an "0". Extra Credit and Participation Quizzes cannot be made up.No food or drinks in the classroom NOT following directions on exams or quizzes. Will result in an automatic 10 point deduction on the exam or quiz.

# Schedule

Week One	Meeting Details	LEC	Weekly
Monday, January 14, 2019	First Day of Class Chapter 2	1.5	3
Wednesday, January 16, 2019	Chapter 2	1.5	
Week Two		LEC	Weekly
Monday, January 21, 2019	Holiday No Class		1.5
Wednesday, January 23, 2019	Chapter 2	1.5	
Week Three		LEC	Weekly
Monday, January 28, 2019	Chapter 2	1.5	3
Wednesday, January 30, 2019	Participation Quiz chapter 2 Day of Record	1.5	
Week Four		LEC	Weekly
Monday, February 04, 2019	Chapter 4	1.5	3
Wednesday, February 06, 2019	Chapter 4	1.5	
Week Five		LEC	Weekly
Monday, February 11, 2019	Chapter 4	1.5	3
Wednesday, February 13, 2019	Participation Quiz Chapter 4	1.5	
Week Six		LEC	Weekly
Monday, February 18, 2019	Exam 1 Chapters 2,4, Constitution	1.5	3

Wednesday, February 20, 2019	Chapter 3 Article VI	1.5	
Week Seven		LEC	Weekly
Monday, February 25, 2019		1.5	3
Wednesday, February 27, 2019	Chapter 3 Article IV	1.5	
Week Eight		LEC	Weekly
Monday, March 04, 2019	Chapter 3 Article 1 Sections 8,9,10	1.5	3
Wednesday, March 06, 2019	Participation Quiz Chapter 3	1.5	
SPRING BREAK	MONDAY, MAR 11 - FRIDAY, MAR 15		
Week Nine		LEC	Weekly
Monday, March 18, 2017	Chapter 13	1.5	3
Wednesday, March 20, 2017	Chapter 13	1.5	
Week Ten		LEC	Weekly
Monday, March 25, 2019	Chapter 13	1.5	3
Wednesday, March 27, 2019	Participation Quiz 13	1.5	
Week Eleven	Exam 2 Chapters 3,13, constitution	LEC	Weekly
Monday, April 01, 2019	Chapter 12	1.5	3
Wednesday, April 03, 2019	Chapter 12	1.5	
Week Twelve		LEC	Weekly
Monday, April 8, 2019	Participation Quiz 12	1.5	3
Wednesday, April 10, 2019	Chapter 15 Article III	1.5	

<b>Week Thirteen</b>		<b>LEC</b>	<b>Weekly</b>
<b>Monday, April 15, 2019</b>	Chapter 15	1.5	6
<b>Wednesday, April 17, 2019</b>	Chapter 15	4.5	
<b>Week Fourteen</b>			
<b>Monday April 22 2019</b>	Chapter 15		
<b>Wednesday April 24 2019</b>	Participation Quiz 15		
<b>Friday April 26, 2019</b>	last day to drop classes		
<b>Week Fifteen</b>		<b>LEC</b>	<b>Weekly</b>
<b>Monday, April 29, 2017</b>	Exam 3 Chapters 13,15, Constitution Papers Due	1.5	3
<b>Wednesday, May 1st, 2017</b>	Unfinished business	1.5	
		<b>LEC</b>	<b>Weekly</b>
<b>Week Sixteen - Finals Week</b>		<b>LEC</b>	<b>Weekly</b>
<b>Monday, May 06, 2019</b>			3
<b>Tuesday, May 07, 2019</b>			
<b>Wednesday, May 08, 2019</b>	final exam 3:15-5:30		
<b>Thursday, May 09, 2019</b>			
<b>Friday, May 10, 2019</b>	GRADUATION		
	<b>Total Contact Hours</b>		