



# American Government

## GOVT-2305

Fall 2020 Sections 51C CRN-19008, 51D CRN-19011 3 Credits 10/19/2020 to 12/10/2020 Modified 10/03/2020

### Meeting Times

Section C

Class 9:10 am - 10:25 T121

Remote 9:10 am - 10:25 am

Section D

Remote 9:10 am - 10:25 am Remote

Class 9:10 am - 10:25 am T121

### Contact Information

Email: You can access D2L (eCampus) email by clicking on 'Tools > Email' at the top right of your eCampus screen. My email within eCampus is: [rquiram@ecampusd2lmail.blinn.edu](mailto:rquiram@ecampusd2lmail.blinn.edu) (You can only email to this address from *within* eCampus)

You can also email me at [rquiram@blinn.edu](mailto:rquiram@blinn.edu) in the event eCampus is down. If using this email, please add your class section to the email title. (You can only email this email address from *outside* eCampus)

Faculty are not to meet students in person.

I will respond to emails within 24 hours (M-F) and 36 hours on the weekends.

### 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 The primary factors considered relate to the three branches of government - judicial, executive, legislative -- major historical documents, the events that shaped the nation, and current events.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:

## Outcomes

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- 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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## REQUIRED | *By GINSBERG*

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## Course Requirements

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During the semester students will be assigned the following:

Four exams(100 points each) counting the highest three)Honorlock is required on exams

Eight Participation Quizzes (counting the highest Seven grades) (70 points total )

Three Discussion Post Question (10 points each)(30 points total)

One comprehensive final exam (200 points) Honorlock is required on Final Exam

## Evaluation

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### *CRITERIA FOR GRADING:*

A=600-540

B=539-480

C=479-420

D=419-360

F=359 and below

Grades are not subject to negotiation. Do not ask me to round up your grade or for additional extra credit.

All policies, guidelines, and procedures in the [Blinn College Catalog \(http://catalog.blinn.edu/\)](http://catalog.blinn.edu/), [Blinn College Board Policies \(http://pol.tasb.org/Home/Index/1204\)](http://pol.tasb.org/Home/Index/1204), and the [Blinn College Administrative Regulations \(https://www.blinn.edu/administrative-regulations/\)](https://www.blinn.edu/administrative-regulations/) are applicable to this course.

[Specific information on civility, attendance, add/drop, scholastic integrity, students with disabilities, final grade appeal, alternative retailers, campus carry and proctoring arrangements and cost. \(http://www.blinn.edu/syllabus-policies/\)](http://www.blinn.edu/syllabus-policies/)

Notice of any action taken under these protocol and procedures, by Blinn College or its employees, may be delivered by hand, through the U.S. Postal Service, or electronically to the student's Blinn Buc e-mail account. Notice shall be deemed received upon actual receipt, on deposit in the U.S. Mail, or upon entering the information processing system used by Blinn College for Blinn Buc e-mail accounts, whichever first occurs.

Information about the changes Blinn has made to the Fall semester: [Back with Blinn \(https://www.blinn.edu/back-with-blinn/index.html\)](https://www.blinn.edu/back-with-blinn/index.html).

## \* Course Policies

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**Please read: Fall 2020 General Course Policies. (<http://www.blinn.edu/back-with-blinn/course-policies.html>)**

**Last Day to drop with a "Q" is Monday Nov 30th**

### **Make-up Exams**

Your exams quizzes discussion questions and final will be taken online. You will have multiple days to take the exam; therefore, without prior approval, a missed exam may not be made up.

Exams missed without prior approval from the instructor will be allowed only at the instructor's discretion.

### **Late Assignments**

Online assignments must be taken by the designated due date. These will not be reopened for *any* reason. Quizzes ,Questions and extra credit can not be turned in late.

### **Academic Dishonesty**

Using others' work to pass off as your own is plagiarism and includes, but is not limited to: not citing sources even when paraphrasing, using direct quotes without quotation marks, using direct quotes without a citation, changing the wording of a direct quote without a citation, not citing statistics you did not compile yourself, copying another student's work, etc.

Copying another's work and simply changing a handful of words is still plagiarism - it is generally obvious as the words chosen are often out of context. Please submit only original work, unless citations are used correctly.

Any instance of academic dishonesty will result in an "F" on that assignment, with further action if necessary.

Cheating on an exam will result in an automatic zero. Contrary to popular belief, online courses are not meant to be easy A's - do the work and you will do well in this course.

### **Computer Access**

Since this is an online course, you must have reliable access to both a computer and to the Internet. This is your responsibility. Be aware that online courses do not work well, if at all, with tablets and smartphones. To make things easier, do your work on either a laptop or a desktop computer. Also be aware of the challenges of different browsers; always have a backup browser.

Please take potential technical issues into account and submit your assignments in advance of the deadline rather than the last few hours before the deadline. Deadlines are strict.

Given the great deal of time that is given to complete the various assignments, using the excuse of computer problems is not valid and will not be accepted. If you are having technical problems logging on, saving answers, etc., please contact the Distance Learning

Office (979-209-7298 or <http://www.blinn.edu/disted> and click on 'technical assistance' or 'student assistance') as soon as the problem occurs.

## Schedule

Week One	Meeting Details	Lecture Hours	LAB	Weekly Hours
Monday, October 19, 2020	Lecture chapter 2			
Tuesday, October 20, 2020				
Wednesday, October 21, 2020	Lecture chapter 2			
Thursday, October 22, 2020				
Friday, October 23, 2020				
Week Two		LEC	LAB	Weekly
Monday, October 26, 2020	Lecture chapter 2/3			
Tuesday, October 27, 2020				
Wednesday, October 28, 2020	Lecture chapter 3 Chapter 1 quiz due Chapter 2 DQ due Chapter 3 quiz Due			
Thursday, October 29, 2020				
Friday, October 30, 2020	Exam 1 Due Chapters 1,2,3,4			
Week Three		LEC	LAB	Weekly
Monday, November 02, 2020	Lecture chapter 13			
Tuesday, November 03, 2020				
Wednesday, November 04, 2020	Lecture chapter 13,12			
Thursday, November 05, 2020				
Friday, November 06, 2020				
Week Four		LEC	LAB	Weekly

Monday, November 09, 2020	Lecture 12 Chapter 5 quiz due Chapter 12 quiz due Chapter 13 DQ due			
Tuesday, November 10, 2020				
Wednesday, November 11, 2020	Exam 2 due chapters 5,12,13,14 Lecture chapter 15			
Thursday, November 12, 2020				
Friday, November 13, 2020				
Week Five		LEC	LAB	Weekly
Monday, November 16, 2020	Lecture chapter 15			
Tuesday, November 17, 2020				
Wednesday, November 18, 2020	Lecture chapter 9			
Thursday, November 19, 2020				
Friday, November 20, 2020	Chapter 10DQ due Chapter 11 Quiz Due Chapter 15 quiz Due			
Week Six		LEC	LAB	Weekly
Monday, November 23, 2020	Lecture chapter 11			
Tuesday, November 24, 2020	Exam 3 due chapters 9,10,11,15			
Wednesday, November 25, 2020	Thanksgiving Holiday			
Thursday, November 26, 2020	Thanksgiving Holiday			
Friday, November 27, 2020	Thanksgiving Holiday			

<b>Week Seven</b>		<b>LEC</b>	<b>LAB</b>	<b>Weekly</b>
<b>Monday, November 30, 2020</b>	<b>Online only after thanksgiving hoilday</b> <b>Last Day to Drop Classes with a "Q."</b> <b>Chapter 6</b>			
<b>Tuesday, December 01, 2020</b>				
<b>Wednesday, December 02, 2020</b>	<b>Chapter 7</b>			
<b>Thursday, December 03, 2020</b>				
<b>Friday, December 04, 2020</b>				
<b>Week Eight</b>				
<b>Monday, December 07, 2020</b>	<b>Chapter 8</b> <b>Chapter 6 quiz due</b> <b>Chapter 8 quiz due</b>			
<b>Tuesday, December 08, 2020</b>	<b>Exam 4 due chapters 6,7,8</b>			
<b>Wednesday, December 09, 2020</b>	<b>Unfinished Business</b> <b>Last Class Day</b>			
<b>Thursday, December 10, 2020</b>	<b>Final Schedule TBA – Final (2.7 hours)</b> <b>Counts 3 hours</b>			
	<b>Total Contact Hours</b>			