



American Government

GOVT-2305

Fall 2020 Section N84 CRN-20933 3 Credits 08/24/2020 to 12/10/2020 Modified 08/18/2020

Meeting Times

This is an online distance education course. It is open throughout the semester but there are assigned due dates for submitting assignments and tests.

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Online Classroom

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The primary factors considered relate to the three branches of government -- judicial, executive, legislative -- major historical documents, the events that shaped the nation, and current events.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

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

WE THE PEOPLE

REQUIRED | *By GINSBERG*

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Course Requirements

Discussion Board

You will have a discussion board for each module of the course. Students will write an original post based on the prompt assigned in the discussion forum. Students will also respond to two other students posts each module. The original post and replies will be due by the due date listed in the schedule.

Research Assignments

You will have two research assignments on a prompt provided by the instructor in ecampus. Research assignments should be saved in a Word or .rtf format with normal alignment and font size 12 Times New Roman settings.

Quizzes

Online quizzes are assigned for each chapter. Quizzes will consist of 10 questions over the assigned readings, documentaries or lecture. Quizzes cannot be made up or taken afterwards, unless a school approved trip or religious activity interferes that you have proper documentation for to present to me prior to that activity occurring. Grades will be made available immediately after submission through the "Progress" tab on ecampus, underneath "grades."

Final Exam

You will have a comprehensive final over the course of this semester. The final will be 100 questions. The final is cumulative and will have a total of one hundred multiple choice questions.

Evaluation

Criteria

Type	Weight	Topic	Notes
Discussion Boards	450 Points		There will be fifteen discussion board assignments worth a maximum of thirty points per assignment.
Research Assignments	200 Points		There will be two research assignments worth 100 points.

Type	Weight	Topic	Notes
Quizzes	150 Points		There will be fifteen quizzes worth a maximum of ten points per quiz.
Final Exam	200 Points		There will be a cumulative final examination worth 200 points.

Breakdown

Grade	Range	Notes
A	900-1,000 Points	
B	800-899 points	
C	700-799 points	
D	600-699 points	
F	0-599 points	

Blinn College Policies

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

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

Attendance

In this online format, failure to complete the assignments for each module will count as one week of unexcused absences.

"Q" Drop

The last date to drop this course with a "Q," is Monday, November 30, 2020.

Late Work

- There are no make-ups for anything in the course. If properly paced, there is plenty of time to complete all assignments. If there is a scheduling conflict with the final date for each section, complete the assignment early!
- Unless the Academic Help Desk sends me an email stating that e-campus was unavailable for you for a specific amount of time, I will not accept late work. It is your responsibility to make sure your computer is functioning properly and that you are maintaining a secure internet connection.

Grading

- Discussion Posts will be graded within one week of submission.
- Quiz scores will be graded immediately after their submission.
- The Final Exam will be graded immediately after its submission.
- Research Assignments will be graded within one week of submission

Proctored Exam

Honorlock

Honorlock will proctor your exams this semester. Honorlock is an online proctoring service that allows you to take your exam from the comfort of your home. You DO NOT need to create an account, download software, or schedule an appointment in advance. Honorlock is available 24/7 and all that is needed is a computer, a working webcam, and a stable Internet connection.

To get started, you will need Google Chrome and the Honorlock Chrome Extension. You can download the extension at www.honorlock.com/extension/install.

When you are ready to test, log into D2L, go to your course, and click on your exam. Clicking "Launch Proctoring" will begin the Honorlock authentication process, where you will take a picture of yourself, show your ID, and complete a scan of your room. Honorlock will be recording your exam session by webcam, as well as recording your screen. Honorlock also has an integrity algorithm that can detect search-engine use, so please do not attempt to search for answers, even if it's on a secondary device.

Schedule

Week One	Meeting Details	Lecture Minutes	Weekly Hours
Monday, August 24, 2020	First Day of Class		3
Tuesday, August 25, 2020			
Wednesday, August 26, 2020			
Thursday, August 27, 2020	Student Introduction & Chapter 1 Discussion Posts Due		
Friday, August 28, 2020			
Saturday, August 29, 2020	Orientation & Chapter 1 Quizzes Due		
Sunday, August 30, 2020	Chapter 1 Discussion Replies Due		
Week Two		LEC	Weekly
Monday, August 31, 2020			3
Tuesday, September 01, 2020			
Wednesday, September 02, 2020			
Thursday, September 03, 2020	Chapter 2 Discussion Posts Due		

Friday, September 04, 2020			
Saturday, September 05, 2020	Chapter 2 Quizzes Due		
Sunday, September 06, 2020	Chapter 2 Discussion Replies Due		
Week Three			Weekly
Monday September 07, 2020	Labor Day Holiday		3
Tuesday, September 08, 2020			
Wednesday, September 09, 2020			
Thursday, September 10, 2020	Chapter 3 Discussion Posts Due		
Friday, September 11, 2020			
Saturday, September 12, 2020	Chapter 3 Quizzes Due		
Sunday, September 13, 2020	Chapter 3 Discussion Replies Due		
Week Four		LEC	Weekly
Monday, September 14, 2020			3
Tuesday, September 15, 2020			
Wednesday, September 16, 2020			
Thursday, September 17, 2020	Chapter 4 Discussion Posts Due		
Friday, September 18, 2020			
Saturday, September 19, 2020	Chapter 4 Quizzes Due		
Sunday, September 20, 2020	Chapter 4 Discussion Replies Due		
Week Five			Weekly
Monday, September 21, 2020			3
Tuesday, September 22, 2020			
Wednesday, September 23, 2020			

Thursday, September 24, 2020	Chapter 5 Discussion Posts Due	
Friday, September 25, 2020		
Saturday, September 26, 2020	Chapter 5 Quizzes Due	
Sunday, September 27, 2020	Chapter 5 Discussion Replies Due	
Week Six		Weekly
Monday, September 28, 2020		3
Tuesday, September 29, 2020		
Wednesday, September 30, 2020		
Thursday, October 01, 2020	Chapter 6 Discussion Posts Due	
Friday, October 02, 2020		
Saturday, October 03, 2020	Chapter 6 Quizzes Due	
Sunday, October 04, 2020	Chapter 6 Discussion Replies Due	
Week Seven		Weekly
Monday, October 05, 2020		3
Tuesday, October 06, 2020		
Wednesday, October 07, 2020		
Thursday, October 08, 2020	Chapter 7 Discussion Posts Due	
Friday, October 09, 2020		
Saturday, October 10, 2020	Chapter 7 Quizzes Due	
Sunday, October 11, 2020	Chapter 7 Discussion Replies Due	
Week Eight		Weekly
Monday, October 12, 2020		3
Tuesday, October 13, 2020		

Wednesday, October 14, 2020			
Thursday, October 15, 2020	Chapter 8 Discussion Posts Due		
Friday, October 16, 2020			
Saturday, October 17, 2020	Chapter 8 Quizzes Due		
Sunday, October 18, 2020	Chapter 8 Discussion Replies Due		
Week Nine			Weekly
Monday, October 19, 2020			3
Tuesday, October 20, 2020			
Wednesday, October 21, 2020			
Thursday, October 22, 2020	Chapter 9 Discussion Posts Due		
Friday, October 23, 2020			
Saturday, October 24, 2020	Chapter 9 Quizzes Due		
Sunday, October 25, 2020	Chapter 9 Discussion Replies Due		
Week Ten		LEC	Weekly
Monday, October 26, 2020			3
Tuesday, October 27, 2020			
Wednesday, October 28, 2020			
Thursday, October 29, 2020	Chapter 10 Discussion Posts Due		
Friday, October 30, 2020			
Saturday, October 31, 2020	Chapter 10 Quizzes Due		
Sunday, November 01, 2020	Chapter 10 Discussion Replies Due		
Week Eleven			Weekly
Monday, November 02, 2020			3

Tuesday, November 03, 2020		
Wednesday, November 04, 2020		
Thursday, November 05, 2020	Chapter 11 Discussion Posts Due	
Friday, November 06, 2020		
Saturday, November 07, 2020	Chapter 11 Quizzes Due	
Sunday, November 08, 2020	Chapter 11 Discussion Replies Due	
Week Twelve		Weekly
Monday, November 09, 2020		3
Tuesday, November 10, 2020		
Wednesday, November 11, 2020		
Thursday, November 12, 2020	Chapter 12 Discussion Posts Due	
Friday, November 13, 2020		
Saturday, November 14, 2020	Chapter 12 Quizzes Due	
Sunday, November 15, 2020	Chapter 12 Discussion Replies Due	
Week Thirteen		Weekly
Monday, November 16, 2020		3
Tuesday, November 17, 2020		
Wednesday, November 18, 2020		
Thursday, November 19, 2020	Chapter 13 Discussion Posts Due	
Friday, November 20, 2020		
Saturday, November 21, 2020	Chapter 13 Quizzes Due	
Sunday, November 22, 2020	Chapter 13 Discussion Replies Due	
Week Fourteen		Weekly

Monday, November 23, 2020			3
Tuesday, November 24, 2020	Student Update & Chapter 15 Discussion Posts Due		
Wednesday, November 25, 2020	Thanksgiving Holiday		
Thursday, November 26, 2020	Thanksgiving Holiday		
Friday, November 27, 2020	Thanksgiving Holiday		
Saturday, November 28, 2020	Chapter 15 Quizzes Due		
Sunday, November 29, 2020	Chapter 15 Discussion Replies Due		
Week Fifteen			Weekly
Monday, November 30, 2020	Last Day to Drop with a "Q"		3
Tuesday, December 01, 2020			
Wednesday, December 02, 2020			
Thursday, December 03, 2020	Chapter 17 Discussion Posts Due		
Friday, December 04, 2020			
Saturday, December 05, 2020	Chapter 17 Quizzes Due		
Sunday, December 06, 2020	Chapter 17 Discussion Replies Due		
Week Sixteen		LEC	Weekly
Monday, December 07, 2020	Final Schedule TBA		3
Tuesday, December 08, 2020			
Wednesday, December 09, 2020			
Thursday, December 10, 2020			
	Total Contact Hours		48 hr.