

American Government

GOVT-2305



Fall 2020 Sections 99A CRN-20448, 99B CRN-20449 3 Credits 08/24/2020 to 12/10/2020 Modified 08/26/2020

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Meeting Times

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Type	Time	Days	Where	Date Range	Schedule Type	Instructors
Class	7:25 am - 8:40 am	T	Sealy Campus Main Building 112	Aug 24, 2020 - Dec 10, 2020	Lecture	JJ Thaddaus Hill (P (Primary)) 
Remote	7:25 am - 8:40 am	R	Remote	Aug 24, 2020 - Dec 10, 2020	Lecture	JJ Thaddaus Hill (P (Primary)) 

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Contact Information

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Thaddaus Hill

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 The primary factors considered relate to the three branches of government - judicial, executive, legislative -- major historical documents, the events that shaped the nation, and current events.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

EDITION: 12E

PUBLISHER: NORTON

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Course Requirements

Three major exams and one comprehensive final exam.

Any material covered in class or from outside assignments may be on the exams. These may include but are not limited to current events (local, state, national and international) as well as hand-outs and videos.

All exams will include information from chapter readings as well as supplemental material.

Make-ups are taken on the day of the final exam. Make-ups may be the exam itself or, at the instructor's discretion, the score from the final exam may be substituted for any missed exams.

Instructor reserves the right to alter topics, exams and or exam dates.

✓ Evaluation

3 exams 22.5% each

1 final exam 22.5%

participation 10%

Due to the extra credit given throughout the semester I do not round up grades. An example this would be a grade of 89.8% that would not be rounded up to 90% but would be 89% even.

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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. \(http://www.blinn.edu/back-with-blinn/course-policies.html\)](http://www.blinn.edu/back-with-blinn/course-policies.html)

No recording devices, both audio or visual, without the instructor's permission.

Absences:

1, the door will be closed when class starts

2, roll will be taken

3, the door will then be opened for those arriving late

Please note that if a student is not in the room while roll is taken they will be marked as absent.

Civility Statement (from the Handbook)

Schedule

Week One	Meeting Details	Lecture Minutes	Weekly Hours
Tuesday, August 25, 2020	First Day of Class	75	3
Thursday, August 27, 2020	Syllabus	75	
Week Two		LEC	Weekly
Tuesday, September 01, 2020	List of Elected and Appointed Officials	75	3
Thursday, September 03, 2020	Ch 1, Political Culture	75	
Week Three		LEC	Weekly
Tuesday, September 08, 2020	Ch 1, Political Culture / worksheet Ch 2	75	3
Thursday, September 10, 2020	Discuss Worksheet Ch 2	75	
Week Four		LEC	Weekly
Tuesday, September 15, 2020	US Constitution Intro	75	3
Thursday, September 17, 2020	US Constitution	75	
Week Five		LEC	Weekly
Tuesday, September 22, 2020	US Constitution	75	3
Thursday, September 24, 2020	Review	75	
Week Six		LEC	Weekly

Tuesday, September 29, 2020	Exam I, all material covered to this date	75	3
Thursday, October 01, 2020	Review Exam I questions	75	
Week Seven		LEC	Weekly
Tuesday, October 06, 2020	Ch 12, US Congress Terms / Begin Worksheet Ch 3, Federalism	75	3
Thursday, October 08, 2020	Ch 3, Review Federalism Worksheet	75	
Week Eight		LEC	Weekly
Tuesday, October 13, 2020	Ch 3, Federalism	75	3
Thursday, October 15, 2020	Ch 3, Federalism	75	
Week Nine		LEC	Weekly
Tuesday, October 20, 2020	Electoral College	75	3
Thursday, October 22, 2020	Review for Exam	75	
Week Ten		LEC	Weekly
Tuesday, October 27, 2020	Exam II, all material covered to this date	75	3
Thursday, October 29, 2020	Review Exam	75	
Week Eleven		LEC	Weekly
Tuesday, November 03, 2020	Ch 12, US Congress Worksheet	75	3
Thursday, November 05, 2020	Review Worksheet	75	
Week Twelve		LEC	Weekly
Tuesday, November 10, 2020	Ch 12, Congress	75	3
Thursday, November 12, 2020	Ch 12, Congress	75	
Week Thirteen		LEC	Weekly
Tuesday, November 17, 2020	Ch 13, US Presidency Worksheet / begin notes on Presidency	75	3

Thursday, November 19, 2020	Ch 13, US Presidency	75	
Week Fourteen		LEC	Weekly
Tuesday, November 24, 2020	Exam III, all material covered to this date	75	3
Thursday, November 26, 2020	Thanksgiving Holiday Nov 30, 2020 last to "Q" drop		
Week Fifteen		LEC	Weekly
Tuesday, December 01, 2020	Ch 15, Federal Courts Worksheet and notes	75	3
Thursday, December 03, 2020	Ch 18, Foreign Policy	75	
Week Sixteen - Finals Week		LEC	Weekly
Monday, December 07, 2020	Final Schedule TBA – Final (2.7 hours) Counts 3 hours		
Tuesday, December 08, 2020			
Wednesday, December 09, 2020			
Thursday, December 10, 2020			
	Total Contact Hours		48 hrs.