

American Government

GOVT-2305

Fall 2020 Sections 59C CRN-19098, 59D CRN-19100 3 Credits 10/19/2020 to 12/10/2020 Modified 10/03/2020

Meeting Times

Section C

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| Class | 1:25 pm - 2:40 pm | M | T Building 121 | | |
| Remote | 1:25 pm - 2:40 pm | W | Remote | | |

Section D

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| Remote | 1:25 pm - 2:40 pm | M | Remote | | |
| Class | 1:25 pm - 2:40 pm | W | T Building 121 | | |

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 (You can only email to this address from *within* eCampus)

You can also email me at 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 The primary factors considered relate to the three branches of government - judicial, executive, legislative -- major historical documents, the events that shaped the nation, and current events.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:

<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

ISBN: 9780393431261

☰ Course Requirements

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

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.

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)

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 chapter2/3 | | | |
| 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 | | | |

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| 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 | | | |

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| Thursday, November 26, 2020 | Thanksgiving Holiday | | | |
| Friday, November 27, 2020 | Thanksgiving Holiday | | | |
| Week Seven | | LEC | LAB | Weekly |
| Monday, November 30, 2020 | Online only after thanksgiving hoilday Last Day to Drop Classes with a "Q." Chapter 6 | | | |
| Tuesday, December 01, 2020 | | | | |
| Wednesday, December 02, 2020 | Chapter 7 | | | |
| Thursday, December 03, 2020 | | | | |
| Friday, December 04, 2020 | | | | |
| Week Eight | | | | |
| Monday, December 07, 2020 | Chapter 8 Chapter 6 quiz due Chapter 8 quiz due | | | |
| Tuesday, December 08, 2020 | Exam 4 due chapters 6,7,8 | | | |
| Wednesday, December 09, 2020 | Unfinished Business Last Class Day | | | |
| Thursday, December 10, 2020 | Final Schedule TBA – Final (2.7 hours) Counts 3 hours | | | |
| | Total Contact Hours | | | |