



# American Government

## GOVT-2305

Summer II 2021 Section N03 CRN-40753 3 Credits 07/12/2021 to 08/09/2021 Modified 07/07/2021

### 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.

### Contact Information

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:00 PM to 9:30 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The primary factors considered relate to the three branches of government -- judicial, executive, legislative -- major historical documents, the events that shaped the nation, and current events.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

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## REQUIRED | *By GINSBERG*

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## Course Requirements

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### 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.

### Research Assignments

You will have two research assignments on a prompt provided by the instructor in e-campus. Follow all the instruction in the prompt. You must use a minimum of 3 academic sources and cite them in MLA formatting. Research assignments should be saved and submitted in a Word or .rtf format with normal alignment and font size 12 Times New Roman settings.

### Quizzes

Online quizzes through W.W. Norton publishing are assigned for each chapter. We will be using the Inquisitive website. When you purchase a new textbook, there will be a code on a postcard in the front of the book to access Inquisitive. Follow the link in e-campus and enter the code from the postcard in front of your textbook into the Inquisitive website. Complete each Inquisitive in alignment with the course schedule.

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."

### 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.

## Evaluation

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### Criteria

Type	Weight	Topic	Notes
Discussion Boards	450 Points		There will be fifteen discussion board assignments worth a maximum of thirty points per assignment.
InQuizitive	150 Points		There will be fifteen quizzes worth a maximum of ten points per quiz.
Research Assignments	200 Points		There will be two research assignments worth 100 points.
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 May Minimester, Summer I, and Summer II semesters: [Back with Blinn \(https://www.blinn.edu/back-with-blinn/index.html\)](https://www.blinn.edu/back-with-blinn/index.html).

## \* Course Policies

### Q Drop Date

The last date to drop this course with a "Q," is Friday, July 30, 2021.

### 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.
- If you have an emergency or extenuating circumstance that does not permit you to submit your work on time, please contact me. Such difficult circumstances include examples such as hospitalization or incarceration. I will consider your circumstance on a case by case basis to determine if you will be permitted to submit an assignment late.
- **No late work will be considered after the last class day of the semester, as listed in the course schedule.**

## Grading Policy

- 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.

## Attendance Policy

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

## 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](http://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	Weekly
Monday, July 12, 2021	Summer I 2021 Starts	
Tuesday, July 13, 2021	Orientation Quiz & Introduction Post Due	
Wednesday, July 14, 2021	Chapter 1 Quiz & Discussion Due	
Thursday, July 15, 2021	Chapter 2 Quiz & Discussion Due	
Friday, July 16, 2021	Chapter 3 Quiz & Discussion Due	
Week Two		
Monday, July 19, 2021	Chapter 4 Quiz & Discussion Due	
Tuesday, July 20, 2021	Chapter 5 Quiz & Discussion Due	
Wednesday, Jul 21, 2021	Chapter 6 Quiz & Discussion Due	
Thursday, July 22, 2021	Chapter 7 Quiz & Discussion Due	

Friday, July 23, 2021	Research Assignment #1 Due	
<b>Week Three</b>		<b>Weekly</b>
Monday, July 26, 2021	Student Updates Due	
Tuesday, July 27, 2021	Chapter 8 Quiz & Discussion Due	
Wednesday, July 28, 2021	Chapter 9 Quiz & Discussion Due	
Thursday, July 29, 2021	Chapter 10 Quiz & Discussion Due	
Friday, July 30, 2021	Last Day to Drop with a "Q" Drop Chapter 11 Quiz & Discussion Due	
<b>Week Four</b>		<b>Weekly</b>
Monday, August 2, 2021	Chapter 12 Quiz & Discussion Due	
Tuesday, August 3, 2021	Chapter 13 Quiz & Discussion Due	
Wednesday, August 4, 2021	Chapter 15 Quiz & Discussion Due	
Thursday, August 5, 2021	Chapter 17 Quiz & Discussion Due	
Friday, August 6, 2021	Last Day of Summer I Classes Research Assignment #2 Due	
<b>Week Five</b>		<b>Weekly</b>
Monday, August 9, 2021	Final Exam	
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