

GOVERNMENT 2305 - NAT EISENBERG - SYLLABUS

Government 2305 is one of the two courses designed to introduce students to the politics of government in America at the national, state, and local levels. This course is fully transferable to other state colleges and universities, and along with Government 2306 fulfills the core curriculum political science requirement at state colleges and universities in the state of Texas.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

O'Connor and Sabato. *Essentials of American Government: Roots and Reform*, 2012 Election Edition (11th Edition) Pearson/Longman, 2012

This book can be purchased from local college bookstores

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Students who repeat a course three or more times may soon face significant tuition/fee increases at HCC and other Texas public colleges and universities. Please ask your instructor/counselor about opportunities for tutoring/other assistance prior to withdrawal or if you are not receiving passing grades.

COURSE GRADING

Tests on each chapter assigned readings	- 37.5%
American Government Final (part 1)	- 25.0%
American Government Final (part 2)	- 25.0%
Special Assignments and Attendance	- <u>12.5%</u>
Total	100.0%

● ● ● *The instructor reserves the right to drop any student who misses more than six hours of classes!!!!!!*

● ● ● *All missed tests must be made up immediately!!!!!!*

INSTRUCTOR AVAILABILITY :

Call 713-446-7812 during daytime business hours

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SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL FOR AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

<http://swc2.hccs.edu/htmls/govdep/eisenberg/>

American Government: Chapter 1 •••

http://swc2.hccs.edu/htmls/govdep/eisenberg/docs/govt_summary_sheet.pdf

http://swc2.hccs.edu/htmls/govdep/eisenberg/docs/government_structure.pdf

http://swc2.hccs.edu/htmls/govdep/eisenberg/docs/100_questions.pdf

American Government: Chapter 2 ••• 1-07, 1-08, 1-12, 1-13, 1-14, 1-29, 1-30, 1-35, 1-36, 1-37, 1-41, 1-42, 1-43, 1-44, 1-45, 1-46, 1-49, 1-50

American Government: Chapter 3 ••• 1-51, 1-52, 1-53, 1-54, 1-55, 1-59, 5-10

American Government: Chapter 6 ••• 2-01, 2-02, 2-03, 2-04, 2-05, 2-06, 2-07, 2-08, 2-10, 2-11, 2-12, 2-15, 2-16, 2-18, 2-19, 2-25, 2-24, 2-36

American Government: Chapter 7 ••• 3-01, 3-02, 3-03, 3-04, 3-05, 3-06, 3-07, 3-08, 3-16, 3-19

American Government: Chapter 8 ••• 3-25, 3-26

American Government: Chapter 9 ••• 4-01, 4-02, 4-03, 4-04, 4-05, 4-06, 4-09, 4-11, 4-16, 4-17, 4-18, 4-19, 4-20, 4-21 4-24

American Government: Chapter 11 ••• 5-20, 5-21, 5-23, 5-24, 5-25

American Government: Chapter 13 ••• 8-10, 8-11, 8-12, 8-13

American Government: Chapter 14 ••• 6-15, 8-01, 8-02, 8-03, 8-04, 8-05, 8-06, 8-07, 8-08, 8-09

American Government: Chapter 10 ••• 5-15, 5-17, 5-26, 5-27

http://swc2.hccs.edu/htmls/govdep/eisenberg/docs/how_polls_are_conducted.pdf

American Government: Chapter 12 ••• 5-18, 3-11, 3-12

<http://swc2.hccs.edu/htmls/govdep/eisenberg/docs/THEELECTORALCOLLEGE.pdf>

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Course Student Learning Outcomes

1. Describe and evaluate the impact of government on the lives of individuals and society as a whole, focusing on public finance, the provision of public services, regulatory policy, civil rights, civil liberties, criminal justice, foreign policy, and defense policy.
2. Compare and contrast the institutions of American national government with those of the state of Texas.
3. Trace the development of the U.S. and Texas Constitutions from their drafting through the present.
4. Identify and evaluate information sources for political news, data, and opinion, including newspapers, websites, television, radio, and social media.

FINAL GRADE OF FX: Students who stop attending class and do not withdraw themselves prior to the withdrawal deadline may either be dropped by their professor for excessive absences or be assigned the final grade of “FX” at the end of the semester. Students who stop attending classes will receive a grade of “FX”, compared to an earned grade of “F” which is due to poor performance. Logging into a DE course without active participation is seen as non-attending. Please note that HCC will not disperse financial aid funding for students who have never attended class. Students who receive financial aid but fail to attend class will be reported to the Department of Education and may have to pay back their aid. A grade of “FX” is treated exactly the same as a grade of “F” in terms of GPA, probation, suspension, and satisfactory academic progress.

ADA Statement

Any student with a documented disability (e.g. physical, learning, psychiatric, vision, hearing, etc.) who needs to arrange reasonable accommodations must contact the Ability Services Office at the respective college at the beginning of each semester. Faculty is authorized to provide only the accommodations requested by the Ability Services Office. At Southwest College, students should contact Dr. Becky Hauri at 713-718-7909.

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At Houston Community College, professors believe that thoughtful student feedback is necessary to improve teaching and learning. During a designated time near the end of the term, you will be asked to answer a short online survey of research-based questions related to instruction. The anonymous results of the survey will be made available to your professors and department chairs for continual improvement of instruction. Look for the survey as part of the Houston Community College Student System online near the end of the term.