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Textbook Information:

By Maxwell, Crain, and Santos

Course Information:

Course Description:

Texas Government: A study of the Texas Constitution and government emphasizing political institutions including: political parties, interest groups, the legislature, the governor, the bureaucracy, the judiciary, and local government. Credits: 3 SCH

Course Format:

Lecture/online A TC supplemental course site has been created for this class. You can access this course by logging in to the following page: https://campus.texarkanacollege.edu . You must create your Texarkana College email account if you have not already done so. If you have difficulties with the website, contact support@texarkanacollege.edu or call: 1-866-614-5008. If you have to leave a message, be sure to leave good contact information so that help can reach you.

Course Schedule: August 25 - December 17, 2014

Location: Social Sciences Building Classroom 6
Texarkana College Online:
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https://campus.texarkanacollege.edu . Be sure that you follow the instructions listed under "Getting Started with Your Online Course". You must create your Texarkana College email account if you have not already done so. If you have difficulties with the web site, contact support@texarkanacollege.edu or call: 1-866-614-5008. If you have to leave a message, be sure to leave good contact information so that help can reach you.

Computer difficulties are not an excuse for non-participation. You are solely responsible for being able to keep up in the course with a computer that is in good working condition and connected to the internet (high speed connection is the best). Do not wait until the last minute to complete assignments. Something might go wrong.

TC Online Outages: TC does its best to keep our Internet classrooms up and running. If there happens to be a problem with our server, we will notify you and make adjustments.

Technical Assistance: If you have any difficulties setting up your Texarkana College Online account and logging in to the class, contact me or contact the help number listed on the main page of Texarkana College Online.

Pre-requisites: Successful completion of the reading portion of the TSI Exam.

Supplies: You should not need anything other than your textbook and Internet access.

Student Learning Outcomes for the Course:

This course is designed to increase students’ interest and knowledge of how state and local governments operate. After completing this course, students should be able to:

Learning Outcome # 1: The student will understand the history and political culture of Texas and be familiar with current population data.
Learning Outcome # 2: The student will understand the foundations, development, and features of the Texas Constitution of 1876 and how it compares to the United States Constitution.
Learning Outcome # 3: The student will understand the types of elections, the voting process, and campaigns in Texas.
Learning Outcome # 4: The student will be able to discuss how political parties and interest groups connect people to Texas government.
Learning Outcome # 5: The student will be able to describe the structure and function of the three branches of government in Texas.
Learning Outcome # 6: The student will understand the structure, functions, and operations of the institutions of local government in Texas.
Student Assessment:

Civic Awareness Project 200 points
7 Unit Exams (100 points each) - 700 points
Comprehensive Final Exam - 100 points
1000 total points

Grading Scale:

A 90-100
B 80-89
C 70-79
D 60-69
F 59-below
Course Schedule:

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| Unit 1: Prologue, CH 1-3 | September 1 - 21  
  Unit 1 Exam by midnight September 21 |
| Unit 2: Chapters 4 - 66 | September 22 - October 12  
  Unit 2 Exam by midnight October 12 |
| Unit 3: Chapters 7 and 8 | October 13 - 26  
  Unit 3 Exam by midnight October 26 |
| Unit 4: Chapters 9 & 10 | October 27 - November 9  
  Unit 4 Exam by midnight November 9 |
| Civic Awareness Project | November 16 |
| Unit 5: Chapters 11 & 12 | November 10 - 23  
  Unit 5 Exam by midnight November 23 |
| Unit 6: Chapter 13      | December 1 - 7  
  Unit 6 Exam by midnight December 7 |
| Unit 7: Chapter 14      | December 8 - 14  
  Unit 7 Exam by midnight December 14 |
| Comprehensive Final Exam | GEOG 2306.01 MW – Wednesday, December 17 at 8am  
  GEOG 2306.04 TR – Wednesday, December 17 at 10:30am |

**Syllabus Changes:**

As your instructor, I retain the right to make changes based on the time line of the class, feedback from learners and/or logistical issues and will inform you as soon as a change is made.
Responsibilities and Policies:

**Student Responsibilities:**
- Students are expected to be familiar with navigating the Texarkana College Online Web Site located at [https://campus.texarkanacollege.edu](https://campus.texarkanacollege.edu)
- You are an adult learner and as such you are responsible for your own learning. No one else can be a "stand in" for you in the learning process. You will be held accountable for all assigned activities. I do not take late work or give extra credit.
- Academic Integrity is an expectation in all Texarkana College classes. Plagiarism, cheating and collusion are prohibited at Texarkana College. Plagiarism is defined as passing of another person’s work as your own. Students who fail to observe these standards are subject to disciplinary action. TC has a strong policy on Academic Misconduct which is published in the TC catalog. This policy applies campus wide, including TC Testing Center, as well as off-campus classroom or lab sites. If you are caught cheating in this class, you will be dropped with an "F". Students are furnished this information during Freshman Orientation. If you do not have a copy of the TC Student handbook, you may view the online version by clicking on this link: [TC Student Handbook](#).

**Instructor Responsibilities:**
- As your instructor, I commit to communicating openly and frequently with you about this class. I will maintain a professional, safe learning environment adhering to the policies of the college. You can expect a reply to communication, be it via e-mail, through online discussions, or voice mail, within 24-48 business hours. If you post something on the weekend, it will probably be Monday before I respond.

**Withdrawal Policy:**
- If a situation arises that prevents the successful completion of this course, please note that it is each student's responsibility to formally withdraw from this course. If you fail to drop by Friday, November 21, 2014, you could easily end up with an "F" in the course if you have quit working on your assignments.

**Attendance Policy:**
- Regular attendance is required for this course. All students are required to sign a daily roll sheet. **Maximum allowable absences for traditional classes are FOUR per semester.** FIVE absences will result in a student being dropped from this course and/or receive a grade of “F.” This is not the only (or even the major) reason you should attend this class conscientiously. Tardiness is unacceptable. **The classroom door will be locked and no student will be admitted once class begins.** A significant portion of your grade will come from lecture material and class participation. When you miss a class, it is advisable to obtain a classmate’s notes, look them over, and then contact me to discuss anything that is unclear to you.

**Make-up Policy:**
- I do not take late work or give extra credit.
Academic Integrity Statement:

- Scholastic dishonesty, involving but not limited to cheating on a test, plagiarism, collusion, or falsification of records will make the student liable for disciplinary action after being investigated by the Dean of Students. Proven violations of this nature will result in the student being dropped from the class with an “F”.
- This policy applies campus wide, including TC Testing Center, as well as off-campus classroom or lab sites, including dual credit campuses. This information can be found in the Student Handbook at https://texarkanacollege.edu.

Disability Act Statement:

- Texarkana College complies with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and makes reasonable accommodations upon request. Please contact Larry Andrews at 903.823.3283, or go by the Recruitment, Advisement, and Retention Department located in the Administration building for personal assistance.
- If you have an accommodation letter from their office indicating that you have a disability which requires academic accommodations, please present it to me so we can discuss the accommodations that you might need for this class. It is best to request these changes at the beginning if not before the start of class so there is ample time to make the accommodations.

Financial Aid:

- **Attention!** Dropping this class may affect your funding in a negative way! You could owe money to the college and/or federal government. Please check with the Financial Aid office before making a decision.

Other Important Online Course Policies:

- **Email:** When you email me always be sure to include your first and last name and the course in which you are enrolled. I have several different Internet classes this session and it will help me get an answer to you faster.
STUDENT INFORMATION

NAME ____________________________________________________________

EMAIL ____________________________________________________________

MAJOR DEGREE PLAN ________________________________________________

MOST INTERESTING POLITICAL TOPIC:

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LEAST INTERESTING POLITICAL TOPIC:

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My initials beside and my signature below the following statements indicates that I understand their meaning and/or consequences.

__________ I have read and understand the course syllabus and schedule.

__________ Only four absences are allowed for this course.

__________ One research project is required for this course.

__________ If necessary, I am required to acknowledge my sources and prepare a bibliography for my research assignment.

__________ All assignments are due by the date indicated in the course syllabus. Failure to submit an assignment as stated will result in a “0” for the assignment.

__________ All unit exams are to be taken by the date indicated in the course syllabus.

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STUDENT SIGNATURE DATE

Thank you for your input!