

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT
2305
(Self-Paced Spring 2011)
Course Information Brief (CIB)

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Course Objective: This survey course in Federal government is designed to provide the student with a working knowledge of the United States national government. This knowledge will enable the student to become a better informed and participating citizen of our nation. The course is designed to provide the student with the opportunity to earn college credit for a course in federal government when circumstances prevent the student from attending a more traditional Odessa College course.

Course Requirements:

1. Textbook research/Independent research project
2. Four (4) Exams

Deadlines for the submission of the three areas listed above will be established by the instructor. All exams will be taken on the Odessa College campus at a time and place arranged by the professor. If a student, without making prior arrangements with the professor, fails to take the unit examinations by the established date, or fails to submit a research project; the course grade of (F) is automatically given.

Grading: The student will have four (4) exams. The professor will double the highest exam grade of each individual student. The project grade is equal to one exam. These points will be added together and divided by six (6), this will provide the student's course average. From the course average I will determine the final course grade.

Grading Scale: A 100-90; B 89-80; C 79-70; D 69-60; F 59-Below

Description of Requirements:

Unit One

1. Read Chapters 1-4
2. Exam over Chapters assigned. All exams will consist of multiple choice questions. You will need a scantron and pencil for the exams.

Unit Two

1. Read Chapters 5, 6, 7, 9
2. Exam over Chapters assigned

Unit Three

1. Read Chapters 8, 10, 11, 13
2. Exam over Chapters assigned

Unit Four

1. Read Chapters 14, 15, 18
2. Exam over Chapters assigned

Unit five

Course Project: In most of the chapters there is a section entitled “What do you think?” Choose one of these and argue pro or con for your point of view. In defense of your point you may refer to articles, do interviews, or use other sources. The projects are to be typed, double spaced, and **no more than three (3) pages in length.**

Deadlines

Unit One: **EXAM#1** is 8 February 2011

Unit Two: Your last chance to take EXAM #1 is 15 Feb. 2011

EXAM#2 is 8 March 2011

Unit Three: Your last chance to take EXAM #2 is 22 March 2011

EXAM#3 is 5 April 2011

Unit Four: Your last chance to take EXAM #3 is 12 April 2011

EXAM#4 is 10 May 2011

Unit Five: The projects are due NLT 12 April 2011. Late projects will be accepted by the professor up to 6 May 2011. After 6 May 2011 no project will be accepted, and will result in the automatic failure of this course. **Late projects will lose 2 points from the project's grade for each day the project is late.**

Academic Dishonesty: This will not be tolerated. Academic Dishonesty is defined in the Odessa College Board Policy and will result in the immediate failure of this course, expulsion from this course and other disciplinary actions that may be taken by this institution.

Student success Outcomes: Can be found on the Odessa College Social science Web Page.

Scans: This course meets Scans requirements of 6 and 9.