

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

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

Course Requirements: The student will complete the following:

1. Textbook research/Independent Research Project
2. Four (4) unit exams

Deadlines for the submission of the three areas listed above will be established by the professor. All exams will be taken on the Odessa College campus at a time and place arranged by the instructor. If a student, without making prior arrangements with the instructor, 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 grade. These points will be added together and divided by six (6) this will give me 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 1-3
2. Exam over Chapters 1-3. All exams will consist of multiple choice questions. You will need a scantron and pencil for the exam. All exams are closed book.

Unit Two

1. Read Chapters 4, 5
2. Exam over Chapters 4-5

Unit Three

1. Read Chapters 6, 7, 8, 10
2. Exam over Chapters 6-8, 10

Unit Four

1. Read Chapters 11, 13, 14
2. Exam over Chapters 11, 13-14

Unit Five

Course Project: At the end of Chapter 11 (p. 321) is the essay “The poison Debate” choose to agree or disagree with the author and then prove your point. 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 by the instructor 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 Social Science Web Page.

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