

TEXAS GOVERNMENT  
2011  
Course Information Brief (CIB)

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Text: Maxwell, *Texas Politics Today*  
Classes; (Spring TTh)

Jan. 18, 20, 25, 27 M1-2  
Feb. 1, 3, 8  
Feb. 10 Review  
Feb. 15 (**EXAM # 1**)

Feb. 17, 22, 24 M 3-5  
Mar. 1, 3  
Mar. 8 Review  
Mar. 10 (**EXAM # 2**)

Mar. 22, 24, 29, 31 M 6-9  
Apr. 5 (**PROJECTS DUE!!**)  
Apr. 7  
Apr. 12 Review  
Apr. 14 (**EXAM # 3**)

Apr. 19, 21, 26, 28 M 10, 11, 14  
May 3  
May 5 Review  
May 9 **FINALS WEEK**

*Course Requirements:* You will have a total of 6 grades for this course. I will double your highest exam grade. You **MUST** take all exams to pass this course. Failure to take one of the four exams will result in the automatic failure of this course.

*Project:* you are required to read a book (200 pages or more in length) on any aspect of state government or issues facing state governments. If you cannot find a book you must read three (3) articles about your subject. You are to review the book or the articles. What are the author(s) do and did they accomplish their task? Then what are your observations about the work?

The review is to be **two (2) and no more than three (3) pages in length, double spaced and typed.** Failure to turn in a project will result in the automatic failure of this course. For each class day that your project is late you will lose 5 points off the project's grade. The project is one exam grade. **Note! No project will be accepted after the class final has been administered.**

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

*Attendance:* You are expected to attend all classes. After your fourth absence I will begin to deduct three (3) points from your total accrued course points for each class you miss.

*Individual Needs:* Please see me after class if you have a disability requiring special accommodations.

*Academic Dishonesty:* This will not be tolerated. Academic Dishonesty is defined in the current 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.

*Objectives:* This course is a study of the functions and dynamics of Texas government. This accomplished by showing the organization of Texas government and how it functions within the framework of political, social, economic, and cultural forces within our state.

*Student Success Outcomes:* Can be found on the Odessa Social science Web page.

*Goals and Mission:* this course is designed to meet the Odessa College mission as outlined in the current Odessa College Bulletin.

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