

TEXAS GOVERNMENT
2306
Course Information Brief (CIB)

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Text: Maxwell, *Texas Politics Today*
Classes: (Spr. MWF)

Jan. 23, 26, 28, 30, M 1-2
Feb. 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13
Feb. 15 (Review)
Feb. 18 (**EXAM #1**)

Feb. 20, 23, 25, 27, M 3-5
Mar. 1, 4, 6, 8
Mar. 18 (Review)
Mar. 20 (**EXAM #2**)

Mar. 22, 25, 27, M 6-9
Apr. 1, 3, 5
Apr. 8, (**Projects Due**)
Apr. 10, 12, 15, 17
Apr. 19 (Review)
Apr. 22 (**EXAM #3**)

Apr. 24, 27, 29 M 10-11, 14
May 1, 3, 6, 8
May 10 (Review)
May 13 (**Finals Week**)

Course Requirements: You will have a total of 7 grades for this course. I will double your highest exam grade. You **MUST** take all exams to pass this course. You will also have a Departmental Exam that covers the entire course. The Departmental Exam **Will Not Be Doubled**. This will be administered at the same time as your final. Failure to take one of the 5 exams will result in the automatic failure of this course.

Project: Choose an article at the end of one of the chapters in *Texas Politics Today*. Read the article and answer **Only One** of the questions posed at the

end of the article. **ALTERNATIVE:** Choose an article from the following text reader *Taking Sides: Clashing Views in State and Local Government*, John R. Wood. Read the article chosen and do a pro or con paper to defend your side. This book is on reserve in the LRC (Main Desk). You may not check it out, but you can read it there or copy the article you need. 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: Odessa College complies with section 504 of the 1973 Vocational Rehabilitation Act and with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act. Issues with special needs will be referred to the Office of Disability Services

Academic Dishonesty: This will not be tolerated. Academic Dishonesty is defined in the current Odessa College Bulletin 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: The Odessa College Student Success Coaches will help you stay focused and on track to complete your educational goals. If an instructor sees that you might need additional help or success coaching, he or she may submit a Retention Alert or Starfish Alert. A Student Success Coach will contact you to work toward a solution.

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

ICOs: 1, 2, 5, 6