

CORE CURRICULUM COMPONENT APPLICATION

CORE COMPONENT AREA	Government/Political Science
COURSE TYPE	Existing Core
DEPARTMENT	Social Sciences
COURSE RUBRIC & NUMBER	GOVT 2306
COURSE NAME	Federal Government
CATALOG DESCRIPTION	Origin and development of the Texas constitution, structure and powers of state and local government, federalism and inter-governmental relations, political participation, the election process, public policy, and the political culture of Texas.
NUMBER OF SECTIONS OFFERED/FALL	20, and 1-2 Midwinter
NUMBER OF SECTIONS OFFERED/SPRING	17, and 1 MM and 5-6 Summer
EXTIMATED ANNUAL ENROLLMENT	1100
COURSE LEVEL	Sophomore
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CORE COMMITTEE COMMENTS <small>(REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)</small>	
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Best practices and accreditation guidelines generally place the faculty in a position of responsibility for curricular decisions.

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Indicate below how each learning objective will be supported, what strategies or activities will be used to introduce each objective and how student learning will be assessed.

***NOTE: Component Area Option –**

- A. A minimum of 3 SCH must meet the definition and corresponding Core Objectives specified in one of the foundational component areas
- B. As an option for up to 3 semester credit hours of the Component Area Option, an institution may select course(s) that:
 - i. Meet(s) the definition specified for one or more of the foundational component areas; and
 - ii. Include(s) a minimum of three Core Objectives, including Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, and one of the remaining Core Objectives of the institution's choice.

#	THECB CORE OBJECTIVE "ICO"	PROGRAM GOALS/OUTCOMES	COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES	KEY IDENTIFIERS	LEARNING EXPERIENCE	ASSESSMENT
1	<p>Critical Thinking Skills - to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.</p> <p><i>Must be addressed in all core curriculum courses</i></p>	As a Government/Political Science course in the core component area this course will assess critical thinking, communication, social responsibility, and personal responsibility.	8. Analyze issues, policies and political culture of Texas.	Student will write a one page reflection essay regarding a current topic pertaining to the Texas government.	Submit one page reflection essay.	This core objective will be assessed by an interdepartmental assessment committee using the Critical Thinking rubric.
2	<p>Communication Skills - to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and</p>	As a Government/Political Science course in the core component area this course will assess critical thinking,	4. Demonstrate knowledge of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of Texas government.	Student will submit a one page reflection essay regarding a current topic pertaining to the Texas government and	Submit one page reflection essay.	This core objective will be assessed by an interdepartmental assessment committee using the

	<p>visual communication.</p> <p><i>Must be addressed in all core curriculum courses</i></p>	<p>communication, social responsibility, and personal responsibility.</p>		<p>how one of the three branches is involved.</p>		<p>Communication rubric.</p>
3	<p>Empirical and Quantitative Skills - to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions</p> <p><i>Must be addressed in all Mathematic, Life and Physical Sciences, AND Social & Behavioral Sciences component area core curriculum courses. Optional for all other component areas.</i></p>					
4	<p>Teamwork - to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal.</p> <p><i>Must be addressed in all Communication, Life & Physical Sciences, and Creative Arts component area core curriculum courses. Optional for all other component areas.</i></p>					

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5	<p>Social Responsibility: to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities</p> <p><i>Must be addressed in all Language, Philosophy & Culture, Creative Arts, American History and Government/Political Science, and Social & Behavioral Sciences component area core curriculum courses. Optional for all other component areas.</i></p>	<p>As a Government/Political Science course in the core component area this course will assess critical thinking, communication, social responsibility, and personal responsibility.</p>	<p>7. Identify the rights and responsibilities of citizens.</p>	<p>Student will submit a one page paper explaining 3 responsibilities of citizens.</p>	<p>Submit one page paper.</p>	<p>This core objective will be assessed by an interdepartmental assessment committee using the Social Responsibility rubric.</p>
6	<p>Personal Responsibility - to include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making.</p> <p><i>Must be addressed in all Communication, Language, Philosophy & Culture, American History and Government/Political Science component area core curriculum courses. Optional for all other component areas.</i></p>	<p>As a Government/Political Science course in the core component area this course will assess critical thinking, communication, social responsibility, and personal responsibility.</p>	<p>5. Evaluate the role of public opinion, interest groups, and political parties in Texas.</p>	<p>Student will submit a one page paper discussing the role of either a voter, interest groups, or political parties play in Texas politics.</p>	<p>Submit one page paper.</p>	<p>This core objective will be assessed by an interdepartmental assessment committee using the Personal Responsibility rubric.</p>

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Critical Thinking Skills

To include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.

Must be addressed in all core courses

Communication Skills

To include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication.

Must be addressed in all core courses

Empirical and Quantitative Skills

To include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions.

Must be addressed in all core courses that satisfy the following requirements:

- Mathematics
- Life and Physical Sciences
- Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Some Component Area Options

Teamwork

To include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal.

Must be addressed in all core courses that satisfy the following requirements:

- Communication
- Life and Physical Sciences
- Creative Arts
- Some Component Area Options

Social Responsibility

To include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national and global communities.

Must be addressed in all core courses that satisfy the following requirements:

- Language, Philosophy and Culture
- Creative Arts
- American History
- Government/Political Science
- Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Some Component Area Options

Personal Responsibility

To include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making.

Must be addressed in all core courses that satisfy the following requirements:

- Communication
- Language, Philosophy and Culture
- American History
- Government/Political Science
- Some Component Area Options