

COLLIN COLLEGE COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE INFORMATION:

COURSE NUMBER: GOVT 2306

COURSE TITLE: Texas Government (Texas Constitution and Topics)

COURSE 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

Note: Students transferring a government course from out-of-state must enroll in this course to complete the Texas legislative requirement.

COURSE CREDIT HRS: 3

LECTURE HOURS: 3

Placement Assessments: Meet TSI college-readiness standard for English; or equivalent.

Student Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Explain the origin and development of the Texas constitution.
2. Describe state and local political systems and their relationship with the federal government.
3. Describe separation of powers and checks and balances in both theory and practice in Texas.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of Texas government.
5. Evaluate the role of public opinion, interest groups, and political parties in Texas.
6. Analyze the state and local election process.
7. Describe the rights and responsibilities of citizens
8. Analyze issues, policies and political culture of Texas.

Withdrawal Policy: See the current *Collin Registration Guide* for the last day to withdraw.

Collin College Academic Policies: See the current *Collin Student Handbook*.

Americans with Disabilities Act: Collin College will adhere to all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to contact the ACCESS office, SCC-D-140 or 972.881.5898 (V/TTD: 972.881.5950) to arrange for appropriate accommodations.

See the current *Collin Student Handbook* for additional information.

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CLASS INFORMATION:

Class Information: GOVT 2306

Course Resource: Tannahill, Neal. 2014. *Texas Government: Policy and Politics* (13th edition). Pearson. ISBN: 9780205251728.

This course does not require students to purchase mypoliscilab or mypearsonlab.

I reserve the right to revise the syllabus at any time. I will post any changes ahead of time on blackboard.