

COLLIN COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Information

Course Number: GOVT 2304

Course Title: Introduction to Political Science

Course Description: Introductory survey of the discipline of political science focusing on the scope and methods of the field, and the substantive topics in the discipline including the theoretical foundations of politics, political interaction, political institutions and how political systems function.

Course Credit Hours: 3
Lecture Hours: 3

Prerequisites: Consent of Instructor, and meet TSI college-readiness standard for Reading and Writing; or equivalent

Student Learning Outcomes:

- **State-mandated Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of this course, students will:
 - 1) Define and apply political terms and concepts.
 - 2) Define political science and identify the subfields.
 - 3) Compare and contrast different political systems and institutions.
 - 4) Apply the methods used to study politics.
 - 5) Critically interpret and analyze contemporary political issues and problems.
- **Additional Collin Outcomes:** The primary focus of this course will be the nation state in a highly interdependent world. We cannot grasp the meaning of national politics without an understanding of the international setting in which it takes place. Specific objectives include:
 - 1) Learning about the nature of the discipline
 - 2) Explaining about the ways in which political scientists study politics
 - 3) Introduction to political science methodology, including basic statistical methods
 - 4) Introductory treatments of:
 - i) Political theories and ideologies
 - ii) The relationship between politics and economics
 - iii) The relationship between politics and culture
 - iv) The nature of political institutions and organizations
 - v) The ways in which individuals act in politics
 - vi) The dynamics of political change

Course Textbook: Roskin, Michael G., Robert L Cord, James A. Medeiros, & Walter S. Jones. 2014. 13th edition. Political Science: An introduction. Pearson: ISBN: 978-0-205-97800-7

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

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

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Course Calendar: TBA