

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 the state and local government, federalism and inter-governmental relations, political participation, the election process, public policy, and the political culture of Texas.

Course Credit Hours: 3
Lecture Hours: 3

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

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 Textbook: Tannahill, Neal (2013) 12th edition. Texas Government: Policy and Politics. Pearson. ISBN: 978-0205251728 (mypoliscilab is not required)