

## COLLIN COLLEGE COURSE SYLLABUS

<b>COURSE INFORMATION:</b>
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**COURSE NUMBER:** GOVT 2311.WS1

**COURSE TITLE:** Mexican American Politics Online Course

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course explores the impact of Mexican Americans on U.S. politics, political institutions and public policy. We will explore the political history of Mexicans in the United States and of Mexican American political movements. The course will consider, in a comparative perspective, the relative impact of the Mexican American community vis-à-vis other Latino/Hispanic groups in the United States. To what degree is there a “Latino” political identity and/or agenda? Students will explore patterns of Mexican American political participation, community organization, and representation within the American political system. Students will also examine policy issues relevant to the Mexican American community including, but not limited to, education, immigration, employment, and foreign policy.

**Placement Assessment(s):** Meet TSI college-readiness standard for English; or equivalent.

**COURSE CREDIT HRS:** 3

**LECTURE HOURS:** 3

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:** Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to do the following:

1. To develop an understanding of the history of Mexican Americans in the American political system.
2. To introduce students to social science research on Mexican American politics.
3. To develop critical reading, writing, and thinking skills.
4. To foster students’ understanding of the diversity of Latino population in the U.S.
5. To examine the public policy agendas/outputs of Mexican Americans

**ADDITIONAL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

1. Understand the complex racialization of Mexican Americans in relation to other racial groups (e.g. African Americans, Puerto Ricans, Cuban Americans, and Asian Americans).
2. Analyze characteristics of Mexican American labor history.
3. Understand the economic importance of Mexican American migrant labor and immigration to the U.S. economy.
4. Examine the role of Mexican Americans in shaping state and national politics.
5. Evaluate successes and failures of Mexican American political empowerment strategies.
6. Understand the electoral impact of Mexican Americans.
7. Understand the Mexican American experience through film.
8. Examine contemporary political struggles of Mexican Americans.

**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-G200 or 972.881.5898 (V/TTD: 972.881.5950) to arrange for appropriate accommodations. See the current *Collin Student Handbook* for additional information.

**INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION:**

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**CLASS INFORMATION:**

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**Section Number:** WS1

**TEXTBOOKS:**

- Gutierrez, David G. 1995. Walls and Mirrors: Mexican Americans, Mexican Immigrants, and the Politics of Ethnicity. University of California Press. ISBN: 0-520-20219-8
- Garcia, F. Chris. 2002. Pursuing Power: Latinos and the Political System. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press. ISBN: 0-268-01313-6
- Montejano, David. 1987. Anglos and Mexicans in the Making of Texas, 1836 – 1936. University of Texas Press. ISBN: 978-0-292-77596-1