GOVERNMENT 2306.83441  KATHRYN YATES, INSTRUCTOR
SYLLABUS
Spring 2017

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:
GOVT 2306 (3 Credit Hours)
Offered at BHC, CVC, EFC, ECC, MVC, NLC, RLC

Texas Government
This is a Texas Common Course Number.
Prerequisite: One of the following must be met: (1) DREA 0093 AND DWRI 0093; (2) English as a Second Language (ESOL) 0044 AND 0054; or (3) have met Texas Success Initiative (TSI) in Reading and Writing standards.
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. (3 Lec.)
Coordinating Board Academic Approval Number 4510025125

REQUIRED TEXT
Government and Politics in the Lone Star State, 9e Edition Package, by Gibson and Robison, ISBN: 97801341388510. This will include access to Pearson’s REVEL. You must refer specifically to the assigned tapes or essays in REVEL in each required posting.

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. Identify the rights and responsibilities of citizens.
8. Analyze issues, policies and political culture of Texas

COMMUNICATING WITH THE INSTRUCTOR
My address is LEAD Division, Richland College, 12800 Abrams, Dallas TX 75243, (972) 238-6301, email address: kyates@dcccd.edu My Division office is in C243 and the phone # is 972-238-6230.
We will communicate primarily through email.

REQUIRED COURSE ELEMENTS
1. Answer the Student Questionnaire by certification Date
2. Course Organization
   A. This is an 8-week class. Four objective exams over four Learning Units. Each Unit has three chapters from Gibson and Robison’s text. All are listed specifically under Academic Calendar tab. Each objective exam is worth 90 points. Look under the Academic Calendar tab to see specific dates for all postings to prompts and exams. 90% of each test will be 45 objective questions from the three assigned chapters. You must post to one prompt in each Unit for 10 points each. This represents 10% of your test grade. If you post to the 2nd prompt in each unit, you can earn up to 10 extra credit points. The class starts March 20. The last day to withdraw with a grade of ‘W’ is Sa, Apr. 29. 
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   B. Posting Rules
   Each student can post to two prompts on the Discussion Board before each exam. The 2nd posting is for extra credit. If a student fails to post to the required one prompt before an exam, his total exam grade will be ‘0’ and cannot be replaced. Students may also ask questions and discuss issues on the Discussion Board
   C. The Course Calendar is found in the Academic Calendar tab. Students must follow all deadlines defined there.
   D. Grade Calculation
   At the end of the term the student needs the point totals indicated below for each letter grade: A=358—440, B=318—357, C=278—317, D=238—277, F=237 or below