CATALOG DESCRIPTION:
GOVT 2305 (3 Credit Hours) New course added May 18, 2012
Offered at BHC, CVC, EFC, ECC, MVC, NLC, RLC

Federal Government
This is a Texas Common Course Number. This is a Core Curriculum course selected by the colleges of DCCCD.
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 U.S. Constitution, structure and powers of the national government including the legislative, executive, and judicial branches, federalism, political participation, the national election process, public policy, civil liberties and civil rights. (3 Lec.)
Coordinating Board Academic Approval Number 4510025125

Learning Outcomes
Upon successful completion of this course, students will:
1. Explain the origin and development of constitutional democracy in the United States.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of the federal system.
3. Describe separation of powers and checks and balances in both theory and practice.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the federal government.
5. Evaluate the role of public opinion, interest groups, and political parties in the political system.
6. Analyze the election process.
7. Describe the rights and responsibilities of citizens
8. Analyze issues and policies in U.S. politics.

REQUIRED TEXT
Living Democracy 2016 Presidential Election Edition, Shea ISBN#: 9780134625782. The package includes an access code to Pearson’s REVEL. Each student will be required to watch tapes or read essays in REVEL before each posting in the Lab and refer specifically to the tape in the student’s posting.

COMMUNICATING WITH THE INSTRUCTOR
My address is Social Science 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, W, Dec. 13. Course Organization
A. Four objective exams over four Learning Units. Each Unit has three chapters. All are listed specifically under Assignments Calendar tab. Each objective exam is worth 90 points. Look under the Assignments 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. Each student will have one hour to answer the 45 objective questions. There will be two prompts in each unit—each worth 10 points. You must post to one prompt in each unit. If you fail to make this required posting your entire test grade will be ‘0’ and cannot be replaced. The 2nd prompt is for 10 extra credit points. The last day to withdraw with a grade of ‘W’ is F, Dec. 22.

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C. The Course Calendar is found in the Assignments 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

The teacher reserves the right to make changes as necessary,