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| NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGECOURSE SYLLABUS |

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| Course Title: **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT** |
| Course Prefix & Number: GOVT2035 | Section Number: 408 | Semester: 152S |
| Semester Credit Hours: 3 | Lecture Hours: 3 | Lab Hours: N/A |
| Course Description (NCTC Catalog): 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. 48 lecture hours. Specifics will be discussed in our Course Schedule.  |
| Course Prerequisite(s): None |
| **Required Materials**:We the People (ebook with Connect Plus Access Card) by Thomas E. Patterson, McGraw Hill, 11th edition, ISBN: 9781259563614 \*\* Students can order a full color loose leaf book for an additional $15 directly from McGraw Hill when registering Connect Access*The web-based material is unique to NCTC. I suggest that you purchase directly through Canvas, on the McGraw-Hill publishing Connect website. You will have two weeks free access.* |

**INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION**

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| Name of Instructor: | Hollie Dawson |
| Campus/Office Location: | Corinth 331, Office Hours TR 11AM-12PM or by appointment |
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**GRADING CRITERIA**

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| **# of Graded Course Elements** | **Graded Course Elements** | **Percentage or Point Values** |
| 3 | EXAMS | 20% each |
| 1 | TERM PAPER | 10% |
| 5 | IN-CLASS ASSIGNMENTS | 10% |
| 5/17 | CONNECT QUIZZES/LearnSmart Exercises | 10%/10% |

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

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|  | At the successful completion of this course the student will be able to: |
|  | Explain the origin and development of constitutional democracy in the United States. |
|  | Demonstrate knowledge of the federal system. |
|  | Describe separation of powers and checks and balances in both theory and practice. |
|  | Demonstrate knowledge of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the federal government. |
|  | Evaluate the role of public opinion, interest groups, and political parties. |
|  | Analyze the election process. |
|  | Describe the rights and responsibilities of citizens. |
|  | Analyze issues and policies in U.S. politics. |
|  | Research and compose an essay assignment/argument using proper grammar/English and basic computer skills. |

**ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Regular and **punctual** attendance is expected of all students in all classes for which they have registered. Absence does not relieve the student of the responsibility for making up required work. Dropping a course is the student's responsibility, but you **MAY** be dropped for excessive absence. See Attendance Regulations in the North Central Texas College Catalog. This class meets for three lecture hours per week. Regular and punctual attendance is expected of each student, and failure to do so will jeopardize your grade. Attendance is critical in this class; everything discussed in class, whether part of the regular material or not, will be potential topics for exams. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to obtain notes, etc. from one of your classmates. **Consecutive absences and lateness will NOT be tolerated. Students who miss more than six hours of class during the semester may be withdrawn by the instructor for non-attendance.**

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

Last day to withdraw from a course with a “W” is April 7, 2016.

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**DISABILITY SERVICES (OSD)**

The Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) provides accommodations for students who have a documented disability. On the Corinth Campus, go to room 170 or call 940-498-6207. On the Gainesville Campus, go to room 110 or call 940-668-4209.  Students on the Bowie, Graham, Flower Mound, and online campuses should call 940-668-4209.

North Central Texas College is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of federal equal opportunity legislation, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, ADA Amendments Act of 2009, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-112). <http://www.nctc.edu/StudentServices/SupportServices/Disabilityservices.aspx>

**CORE CURRICULUM FOUNDATIONAL COMPONENT AREA**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Communication

 Mathematics

 Life and Physical Science

 Language, Philosophy & Culture

 Creative Arts

 American History

 Government/Political Science

 Social and Behavioral Sciences

 Component Area Option

**REQUIRED CORE OBJECTIVES**

 Critical Thinking

 Communication

 Empirical and Quantitative

 Teamwork

 Personal Responsibility

 Social Responsibility

**COURSE TYPE**

 Academic General Education Course (from ACGM but not in NCTC Core)

**** Academic NCTC Core Curriculum Course

**** WECM Course

**STUDENT HANDBOOK**

Students are expected to follow all rules and regulations found in the student handbook. http://nctc.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2014-2015/Catalog/North-Central-Texas-College-Student-Handbook

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