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| NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGECOURSE SYLLABUS |

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| Course Title: **TEXAS GOVERNMENT** |
| Course Prefix & Number: GOVT | Section Number: 2306 | Semester: Fall 2016 |
| Semester Credit Hours: 3 | Lecture Hours: 3 | Lab Hours: N/A |
| Course Description (NCTC Catalog): 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. 48 lecture hours.  |
| Course Prerequisite(s): None |
| **Required Materials**:* Governing Texas by Champagne & Harpham, Norton, 2nd edition, paperback w/ebook folder, ISBN: 978-0-393-28731-8
* Governing Texas by Champagne & Harpham, Norton, 2nd edition, 3-hole punch w/ ebook folder, ISBN: 978-0-393-28752-3
* Students can also purchase the ebook at a lower price directly from Norton using the link within the course module
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**INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION**

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**GRADING CRITERIA**

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| **# of Graded Course Elements** | **Graded Course Elements** | **Percentage or Point Values** |
| 3 | Exams | 100 |
| 1 | Research Project | 100 |
| 10 | Quizzes/Chapter Assignments | 100 |
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**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 the Texas constitution. |
|  | Describe the state and local political systems and their relationship with the federalgovernment. |
|  | Describe separation of powers and checks and balances in both theory and practice inTexas. |
|  |  Demonstrate knowledge of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of Texasgovernment. |
|  | Evaluate the role of public opinion, interest groups and political parties in Texas. Analyze the state and local election process. |
|  |  Identify the rights and responsibilities of citizens. Analyze issues, policies, and political culture of Texas.  |
|  | 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.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

**Week 1: Intro PowerPoint**

**Week 2: Pre-Test**

**Week 3: Ch 1 The Political Culture, People, and Economy of Texas &**

 **Ch 12 Public Policy in Texas**

**Week 4: Ch 1 The Political Culture, People, and Economy of Texas &**

**Ch 12 Public Policy in Texas**

**Week 5: Ch2 Texas Constitution**

**Week 6: Ch 3 Texas in the Federal System**

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**Week 7: Ch 4 Political Parties in Texas**

**Week 8: Ch 5 Elections in Texas**

**Week 9: SPRING BREAK**

**Week 10: Ch 6 Interest Groups and Lobbying**

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**Week 11: Ch 7 The Texas Legislature**

**Week 12: Ch 7 The Texas Legislature**

**Week 13: Ch 8 The Texas Executive Branch**

**Week 14: Ch 9 The Texas Judiciary &**

 **Ch 13 Crime and Corrections Policy in Texas**

**Week 15: Ch 9 The Texas Judiciary &**

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**Week 16: Ch 9 The Texas Judiciary &**

 **Ch 13 Crime and Corrections Policy in Texas**

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Last day to withdraw from a course with a “W” is November 3, 2015.

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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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