



Master Course Syllabus

**GOVT 2306
Texas Government (4510025125)**

*******NOTE TO STUDENT*******

Student success is our number one priority at Coastal Bend College and we realize that prompt, effective communication plays a significant role in achieving that goal. It is vitally important that you have the proper contact information for your instructor. This should include their phone number, email address, and if applicable, their office number, and office hours. If you ever have any problems contacting your instructor, or do not receive a prompt response to your inquiries, please contact Coordinator or the Dean of Transfer and General Education, as soon as possible. Their contact information is provided below:

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We wish you all the best in your education and encourage you to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Keeping student success in sight, faculty in each of the courses will review with students, course information with specific reading schedules, assignments, and testing information during the first week of class. Additionally, the course information will be posted to Blackboard (THECB 60x30TX compliance).

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.

Semester Hours Credit: 3

Lecture/Lab Hours: 3-0

Prerequisite: None

Textbook(s): Revel for Government and Politics in the Lone Star State, 11th Edition. By L. Tucker Gibson Jr., Clay Robison, Joanne Conner Green. Revel Access.

ISBN: 9780135176603

Student 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.
5. Analyze the state and local election process.
6. Identify the rights and responsibilities of citizens.
7. Analyze issues, policies and political culture of Texas.

Course Outline: Note: “Course outlines will be determined by each instructor. See instructor’s course calendar for assignments specifics.”

Introduction

Chapter 1. The Social and Economic Environment of Texas Politics

Chapter 2. The Texas Constitution

Chapter 3. Texas Government and Politics in the Federal System

Chapter 4. Local Government in Texas

Chapter 5. The Texas Legislature

Chapter 6. The Texas Executive

Chapter 7. The Texas Bureaucracy and Policy Implementation

Chapter 8. The Judicial System in Texas

Chapter 9. Political Socialization, Political Behavior, and Public Opinion

Chapter 10. The Party System in Texas



- Chapter 11. Elections, Campaigns, and Voting in Texas
- Chapter 12. The Mass Media in Texas Politics
- Chapter 13. Interest Groups and Political Power in Texas
- Chapter 14. Contemporary Public Policy Issues in Texas

Evaluation Methods: Please see individualized instructor policies for course evaluation methods. Students will be assessed on the same measure, across each discipline, as per CBC guidelines.

Technical Support:

Email Support:	helpdesk@coastalbend.edu cabrigo@coastalbend.edu
Telephone Support:	866-722-2838 ext. 2508 (Toll Free) 361.354.2508 (Direct Line)
Live Chat:	Fall/Spring Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Summer Hours: Monday-Thursday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Grady C. Hogue Learning Resource Center (Library): <http://lrc.coastalbend.edu/about>

Online Catalog : <http://lrc.coastalbend.edu/catalog>

Library Website: <http://lrc.coastalbend.edu/about>

Hours and Locations: <http://lrc.coastalbend.edu/hours>

Pleasanton Public Library: <https://pleasanton.biblionix.com/>

115 N. Main St., Pleasanton, TX 78064

Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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See at: [FLB \(Local\)](#) and [FM \(Local\)](#).

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