

## Master Course Syllabus

**GOVT 2306**

**Texas Government (Texas Constitution & Topics) (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 the Assistant Dean of Academics or the Dean of Academics 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

**Pre-Requisite:** None

**Textbook(s):** *REVEL for Government and Politics in the Lone Star State -- Access Card*, 10th Edition  
**ISBN:** 9780134628073

**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.
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.

**Course Outline:**

**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.

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Telephone Support:	<b>866-722-2838 ext. 2508 (Toll Free)</b> <b>361.354.2508 (Direct Line)</b>
<a href="#">Live Chat:</a>	<b>Fall/Spring Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.</b> <b>Summer Hours: Monday-Thursday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.</b>

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3800 Charco Road Beeville, TX 78102 1-866-722-2838	704 Coyote Trail Alice, TX 78332 1-866-891-2981	1814 Brahma Blvd. Kingsville, TX 78363 1-866-262-1615	1411 Bensdale Pleasanton, TX 78064 1-866-361-4222



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(Summer semesters will observe the CBC campus operation hours.) For locations and hours of CBC library in Alice, Kingsville, and Pleasanton sites please visit the library web page links below.

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.

**Financial Aid:** Resources are available for students for financial aid, work study, and veteran benefits. For additional information, visit our website at [www.coastalbend.edu/finaid](http://www.coastalbend.edu/finaid) or contact us at 361-354-2238. Office hours: Monday-Thursday 7-6 and Friday 8-5.

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so the most appropriate accommodations can be determined. Specialized services are available through the Office of Disability Services (SSB 4.104, 471-6259). For more information contact (361) 354-2300.

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