### GOVT 2306 Texas Government

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

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<td>• Animated Learning Module: Due Process; Federalism in America: Gibbons v. Ogdend; Federalism and the Texas Constitution; Gateways to American Democracy: The American Constitutional System; The Amendment Process; Separation of Powers: A Constitutional Principle</td>
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<td>• Primary Source Activity: The Constitution; Jefferson’s Secret Message to Congress Regarding the Lewis &amp; Clark Expedition (1803); Lemon v. Kurtzman; The New York Times v. the United States; McCulloch v. Maryland;</td>
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<td>• Simulation: Ensuring Civil Rights by Amending the Constitution; The Constitution: Idealism vs. Pragmatism; Closing the Achievement Gap: Implementing Education Policy in a Federal System; Federalism: Abortion, the First Amendment, and State’s Rights; Fair and Balanced: A Day in the Life of an Editor in Chief; How Do You Balance Religious Freedom with Public Safety?; Civil Liberties: The Freedom of Speech; Civil Rights: Affirmative Action in the University</td>
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Demonstrate knowledge of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of Texas government.

Chapter 7: The Legislature

Learning Outcomes:
• Analyze conflicts involved in districting.
• Identify similarities and differences in the formal qualifications for a state representative and for a state senator.
• Compare and contrast the powers of the president of the Texas Senate and the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.
• Outline the steps by which a bill becomes a law according to House and Senate rules of procedure.
• Explain the influences on voting decisions made by elected legislators.

Chapter 7
• "Legislative districts in Texas"
• "Characteristics and qualifications of Texas state legislators"
• "Legislative framework in Texas"
• "Legislative organization, structure, and leadership"
• "The legislative process in Texas"

Chapter 8: The Executive

Learning Outcomes:
• Summarize the role of the governor and the process of governorship.
• Analyze the governor’s informal power.
• Explain the executive powers of the governor, taking the process of checks and balances into account.
• Discuss the shared power of the executive and the legislature.
• Illustrate powers the governor exercises over the judicial branch of state government.
• Describe the powers of the secretary of state and elected department heads.

Chapter 8
• "The Texas governorship"
• "Gubernatorial tools of persuasion"
• "Gubernatorial power in the state of Texas"
• "Executive orders and the HPV vaccine debate"

Chapter 10
• "Types of courts in Texas"
• "Texas juries and wrongful convictions"
• "Judicial procedure in Texas courts"
• "Corrections and rehabilitation in Texas"

Chapter 7
• Animated Learning Module: Declaration of War; How a Bill Becomes a Law; The Legislative Process: How a Bill Becomes a Law
• Simulation: Passing the Health Care for America Act; An Introduction to Political Culture; The Legislative Process: A Simulation of Immigration Policy Making in the U.S. Senate; Congress: How Best to Serve?
• Interactive Timeline: The Congress
• Video Activity: New Polling Shows Public Disapproval for the President and Congress; Tweeting Public Opinion; Members of Congress Use Twitter to Reach Constituents; How Congress is Managed; Congress and President Propose Alternative Deficit Reduction Plans; Federal Debt Ceiling Explained; Congressional Budget Office is the Nonpartisan Budget Authority in Washington; "Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell" Repealed; 2011 Budget Woes and a Potential Federal Government Shutdown
• Tutorial Quizing
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Chapter 8
• Animated Learning Module: The Texas Executive; Executive Policy and the Policy-Making Process; The Impeachment Process
• Primary Source Activity: Reagan State of the Union Address – 1982; The Truman Doctrine
• Simulation: Campaigns and Elections: Presidential Nomination Strategy; The Powers of the Texas Executive and Legislature: The Case of Tort Reform; Presidential Leadership: Appointing a

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jurisdiction of Texas courts.

- Compare the functions of all participants in the justice system.
- Describe the judicial procedure for the adjudication of civil and criminal lawsuits.
- Explain the four-pronged mission of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.
- Evaluate the fairness of Texas’s justice system.

Justice to the Supreme Court: Crisis on the Canal: Exploring the Powers of the U.S. President; Foreign Policy: Deciding When to Go to War; Texas Criminal Justice System; Navigating the Foreign Policy Apparatus

- Interactive Timeline: The Presidency; International and National Security
- Video Activity: The First 100 Days; The Political Legacy of Ronald Reagan; The Right to Keep and Bear Arms?; Presidential Responsibilities; The Politics of Judicial Appointments; President Obama Energy Policy Focuses on Long-Term Change; President Obama Uses Executive Orders to Reverse Bush Policies; President Obama Issues Executive Orders When Legislation Fails; President Obama Signs Executive Order to Assist Young Immigrants; HPV Mandate; Wrongful Convictions in Texas; The Texas Exoneree Project; Federalism and Medical Marijuana; Free Speech and the Politics of Health Care Reform; President Obama Implements Government Reforms; Jumping Jacks are Difficult in Cowboy Boots

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Chapter 10

- Animated Learning Module: How a Case Comes to the Supreme Court; Constitutional Rights of Criminal Defendants
- Primary Source Activity: Marbury v. Madison
- Simulation: Appealing to the U.S. Supreme Court: Fighting for the Bilingual Ballot; Exploring the Supreme Court Nomination Process: A Simulation on the U.S. Constitution
- Interactive Timeline: The Judiciary
- Video Activity: Senate Confirms Sotomayor; Immigration Laws Are Challenged in the Supreme Court;


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• Describe the structure of political parties in Texas, distinguishing between the temporary party structure and the permanent party structure.  
• Compare the contrast the different political ideologies found in the Lone Star State.  
• Trace the history of political parties in Texas.  
• Identify the roles that minor parties and independents have played in Texas. | Chapter 4  
• "Political parties in Texas"  
• "Temporary and permanent political party organizations"  
• "Conservative and liberal ideology"  
• "The history of political parties in Texas"  
Chapter 6  
• "A debate about interest groups in Texas"  
• "Types of interest groups"  
• "The daily lobby"  
• "Interest group activity and regulation"  
Chapter 6: The Politics of Interest Groups Learning Outcomes:  
• Explain what interest groups are, why they form, and what their essential characteristics are.  
• Describe the types of interest groups and analyze the qualities of a powerful interest group.  
• Evaluate the kinds of activities that interest groups use to influence Texas government.  
• Analyze how interest groups are regulated and evaluate the effectiveness of these laws. | Chapter 4  
• Animated Learning Module: The Electoral College; Third Parties in American Politics  
• Interactive Timeline: The Evolution of Political Parties  
• Video Activity: Civil Liberties and Political Protest; The Media and Protest Politics; Tea Party Express: Party or Movement?  
• Tutorial Quizzing  
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• Animated Learning Module: Public Opinion: What Do You Think?; The Free Rider Problem  
• Primary Source Activity: Civil Disobedience  
• Interactive Timeline: Political Interest Groups and Social Movements; Issues of Freedom, Equity, and Justice: Civil Rights; Issues of Freedom, Equity, and Justice: Civil Liberties  
• Video Activity: Occupy Wall Street Spreads from Wall Street to Main Street; Interest Groups and the Operation of the Economy; Governor Scott Walker Confronts Protesters in Wisconsin; Protests in Wisconsin Over Union Rights and Budget Cuts; An Alternative Health Plan?: Challenges Confronting the Medicaid | Healthcare Reform Bill Heads to the Supreme Court; Health Care Reform after the Supreme Court Ruling  
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Learning Outcomes:

• Analyze the components of a political campaign, specifically how the process of running and financing a campaign has changed over the years.
• Describe the role that race and ethnicity play in politics, focusing on the importance of minority voters.
• Explain the complexities of voting and how the voting process promotes, and inhibits, voter participation.
• Identify the differences between primary, general, and special elections.

Chapter 5: Campaigns and Elections

"Campaign funding"  "Minority voters and minority candidates"  "Voter turnout"  "Political campaigns in Texas"

"Animated Learning Module: Media: Conduit Between the Government and the People; Voting; Nominations and Elections"

Primary Source Activity: The Declaration of Independence; Plessy v. Ferguson; Buckley v. Valeo

Simulation: The Role of the Media in Politics; Running Uphill: A Simulation of Open Seat Elections for the U.S. House of Representatives; Getting Out the Vote for Shelly Johansen; Winning the Key Primaries

Interactive Timeline: The Theoretical Origins of American Democracy; Campaigns, Elections and Voting; Politics and the Media

Video Activity: Social Networking Embarrassment for One Congressman; A Bush Dynasty; Social Networking Advances Freedom in Middle East; Obama Expands the Political Map; President Obama Garners Support from Many Demographic Groups; President Obama Harnesses Celebrity Power to Raise Funds for Re-election; Presidential Candidates are “Dead Even” Six Months before the Election; Democratic Candidates Battle for the Texas Latino Vote in 2008; Federal Government Sues Arizona over Immigration Law; Mayor of Phoenix Uses Courts to Stop Immigration Law; Supreme Court Rules on Arizona Immigration Reform; Arizona Immigration Law: Supreme Court Decision; Ann Richards Successfully Runs for the Texas Governorship; The Passage of Landmark Civil Rights Legislation; Getting Out the Vote at the Iowa Caucuses; Inconsistencies in Voting Procedures from State to State; Voting Machine Accountability in Question; Presidential Election Polling; Romney Secures the Needed Number of Delegates for the Republican Nomination

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- Explain the structure and jurisdiction of Texas courts.
- Compare the functions of all participants in the justice system.
- Describe the judicial procedure for the adjudication of civil and criminal lawsuits.
- Explain the four-pronged mission of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.
- Evaluate the fairness of Texas’s justice system.

### Chapter 5
- Animated Learning Module: Voting
- Video Activity: Democratic Candidates Battle for the Texas Latino Vote in 2008; The Passage of Landmark Civil Rights Legislation; Inconsistencies in Voting Procedures from State to State
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- Animated Learning Module: Constitutional Rights of Criminal Defendants
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### Chapter 1: The Environment of Texas Politics
Learning Outcomes:
- Evaluate the meaning of power, politics, and public policy in the role of government.
- Describe the basic character of political culture and identify the two dominant political cultures in Texas.
- Explain how the geography of Texas has fostered the development and growth of four land-based industries and trace the development of each industry.
- Analyze the impact of the 2011 drought on the Texas economy.
- Compare the major racial and ethnic groups in Texas and opportunities and challenges presented by their growth rates.
- Identify the major challenges Texas faces in more effectively addressing immigration.

### Chapter 1
- "Political culture in Texas"
- "The political geography of Texas"
- "Texas population and demographics"
- "The problem of illegal immigration"

### Chapter 9
- "State agencies and education policy in Texas"
- "Characteristics on the Texas state bureaucracy"
- "The Railroad Commission of Texas - bureaucracy in action"

### Chapter 11
- "Forms of state revenue in Texas"

### Analyze issues, policies and political culture of Texas.
### Learning Outcomes:

**Chapter 11: Finance and Fiscal Policy**

- Describe the role of bureaucracy in making public policy.
- Analyze the major challenges faced by the Texas education system.
- Discuss how Texas higher education has taken steps to increase the participation of all Texans.
- Examine the health and human services programs in Texas and discuss how efforts to address the needs of its citizens have been approached.
- Compare the role of government to generate economic development with its duty to maintain a safe and clean environment for the state’s residents.

### Learning Objectives

- "The budget process and state spending"
- "Government spending - The cost of Medicaid"

### Audio Chapter Summary

**Chapter 9**

- Animated Learning Module: Iron Triangles and Issue Networks
- Primary Source Activity: The Civil Service Act
- Simulation: Navigating the Iron Triangle: Bureaucratic Policymaking in the U.S. Department of Defense
- Interactive Timeline: The Federal Bureaucracy; Domestic Policy
- Video Activity: The U.S. Census and the Federal Bureaucracy; Billion Dollar Fraud; Bailing Out Banks; New Federal Safety Regulations for Deep Water Oil Drilling
- Tutorial Quizzing
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**Chapter 11**

- Animated Learning Module: Economic Policy and the Policy-making Process; Texas Finance and Fiscal Policy
- Primary Source Activity: The Sherman Antitrust Act
- Simulation: Economic Policy: Balancing the Budget
- Interactive Timeline: Economic Policy
- Video Activity: Stalemate Over Debt Ceiling; Growing Debt Threatens America’s World Standing
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