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## **ISSUES & POLICIES IN AMERICAN GOVT: TEXAS POLITICAL HISTORY**

### **Required Reading**

Randolph B. Campbell, **Gone To Texas: A History of the Lone Star State**, Oxford University Press, 2003.

### **Description**

This course will examine the major events in Texas political history from 16<sup>th</sup> century Spanish Texas up to the present.

### **Exams and Grades**

There will be three in-class, multiple-choice exams on the dates noted below. There is no final exam. The first two exams have 35 questions and the last one has 30 questions for a total of 100 questions on all three exams. The raw scores on the three exams are added and the total raw scores are then curved to determine your final grade. There is no extra credit. A make-up exam (essay type) will be given only if an exam is missed for a valid reason. A plus/minus grading system will be used. See Blackboard for a full description of the grading system.

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### **Schedule and Assignments**

AUG 25	Introduction	Ch. 1
AUG 30-SEP 8	Spanish & Mexican Texas	Chs. 2-5
SEP 13	The Texas Revolution	Ch. 6
SEP 15-20	The Texas Republic	Ch. 7
SEP 22	<b>REVIEW</b>	
SEP 27	<b>FIRST EXAM</b>	
SEP 29-OCT 4	Early Statehood	Chs. 8-9
OCT 6-11	Civil War and Reconstruction	Chs. 10-11
OCT 13	The Constitution of '76 & the Origins of Populism	Ch. 12

OCT 18-20	Populism and the Age of Reform	pp. 324-352
OCT 25	<b>REVIEW</b>	
OCT 27	<b>SECOND EXAM</b>	
NOV 1-8	From WWI to the Great Depression	pp. 352-394
NOV 10-15	The 1940s and 50s	pp. 394-429
NOV 17	The 1960s and 70s	pp. 429-449
NOV 22	The 1980s and 90s	pp. 450-471
NOV 29	<b>REVIEW</b>	
DEC 1	<b>THIRD EXAM</b>	