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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 16th 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

JAN 18	Introduction	Ch. 1
JAN 20-FEB 1	Spanish & Mexican Texas	Chs. 2-5
FEB 3	The Texas Revolution	Ch. 6
FEB 8-10	The Texas Republic	Ch. 7
FEB 15	REVIEW	
FEB 17	FIRST EXAM	
FEB 22-24	Early Statehood	Chs. 8-9
MAR 1-8	Civil War and Reconstruction	Chs. 10-11
MAR 10	The Constitution of '76 & the Origins of Populism	Ch. 12

MAR 22-24	Populism and the Age of Reform	pp. 324-352
MAR 29	REVIEW	
MAR 31	SECOND EXAM	
APR 5-12	From WWI to the Great Depression	pp. 352-394
APR 14-19	The 1940s and 50s	pp. 394-429
APR 21-26	The 1960s and 70s	pp. 429-449
APR 28	The 1980s and 90s	pp. 450-471
MAY 3	REVIEW	
MAY 5	THIRD EXAM	