



INSTRUCTIONAL PACKAGE

PSC 201

American Government

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COURSE PREFIX: PSC 201

COURSE TITLE: American Government

CONTACT HOURS: 3.0

CREDIT HOURS: 3.0

RATIONALE FOR THE COURSE:

The course is designed to provide the students with the basic knowledge of how the American form of government is structured and the source of the American system of government. This course is also designed to acquaint the students with the role of the citizen in a participatory government.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is a study of national governmental institutions with emphasis on the Constitution, the functions of executive, legislative and judicial branches, civil liberties, and the role of the electorate.

PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES:

(COMPASS Reading 85 and COMPASS Writing 78) or (ACCUPLACER Reading Comp 075 and ACCUPLACER Sentence Skills 081) or (New ACCUPLACER Reading Comp 250 and New ACCUPLACER Sentence Skills 250) or (COMPANION Reading 075 and COMPANION Sentence Skills 081) or (Multiple Measures English 1) or (SAT Critical Reading 480) or (ACT English 19 and ACT Reading 19) or (Credit level ENG 100 Minimum Grade of C* or Credit level ENG 155 Minimum Grade of C or Credit level ENG 155 Minimum Grade of TC or Credit level ENG 101 Minimum Grade of C or Credit level ENG 101 Minimum Grade of TC) or (ASSET Reading 45 and ASSET Writing 45)

***Online/Hybrid** courses require students to complete the DLI Online Student Orientation prior to completing an online course. The DLI Online Student Orientation can be found in WaveNet, under the My Student tab.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Please visit the Bookstore online site for most current textbook information. Use the direct link below to find textbooks.

[BOOKSTORE](#).

Enter the semester, course prefix, number and section when prompted and you will be linked

to the correct textbook.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

None.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Access to Desire2Learn (D2L), HGTC's student portal for course materials.
WaveNet and D2L email access.

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION

Students enrolled in online courses will be required to participate in a minimum of one (1) proctored assignment and/or one (1) virtual event to support student identification verification. Please refer to your Instructor Information Sheet for information regarding this requirement.

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE:

As a matter of courtesy to other students and your professor, please turn off cell phones and other communication/entertainment devices before class begins. If you are monitoring for an emergency, please notify your professor prior to class and switch cell phone ringers to vibrate.

NETIQUETTE: is the term commonly used to refer to conventions adopted by Internet users on the web, mailing lists, public forums, and in live chat focused on online communications etiquette. For more information regarding Netiquette expectations for distance learning courses, please visit [Online Netiquette](#).

POLICY REGARDING ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT (WHICH INCLUDES CHEATING ON TESTS, PLAGIARISM, AND FALSIFICATION OF INFORMATION)

Please review the "Student Rights and Responsibilities, Academic Misconduct" in the Horry-Georgetown Technical College Catalog and Student Handbook available in hardcopy and Online. Classroom conduct: It is the responsibility of faculty to clearly communicate classroom expectations early in the semester. If, after that communication, students are unwilling to comply with expectations and have been notified of the unacceptability of such conduct, faculty should:

- First offense of disruptive behavior-Dismiss student from class "for a period" until discussion concerning acceptable conduct and next steps can occur between faculty and student. Student should not be readmitted to class until such discussion occurs.
- Second offense of disruptive behavior-Dismiss student from class (or request Public Safety assistance for removal) for written referral to Chief Student Services Officer for disciplinary follow up.

Academic Misconduct: Cheating, plagiarism, collusion, et al.

- Professor must meet with student to discuss allegation and evidence upon which it is based. The student must be given the opportunity to refute the allegation.
- If academic misconduct is substantiated to the Professor's satisfaction, the Professor notifies the student of the sanction to be imposed, consisting of one of the following:
 - Assign a grade of zero to the test, assignment, etc. involved in the academic misconduct.
 - Assign a failing grade for the course (with consultation on student academic options including the appeal process)
 - Require the student to withdraw from the course
- Within five (5) working days of the meeting with the student, the Professor must provide a written explanation of the incident and any sanction imposed to the Chief Instructional Office. Please also notify the CSSO, as the CSSO serves as the CIO designee for appeal processing.

Part II: Student Learning Outcomes

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES and ASSESSMENTS*:

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Describe the fundamental goals of political science and explain the role of modern research techniques in the study and evaluation of the American national government and its policies.
2. Describe the evolution of the American political system from its historical evolution, to its current effect on American society.
3. Explain the theoretical structure of the constitutional democracy in America, especially as it applies to the constitutional guarantees of civil rights and civil liberties.
4. Explain the role of political linkages between the institutions of democracy and the American public.
5. Evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the American national government and its role in national policy making.
6. Students will understand how the basic functions of national governmental institutions influence human actions as well as the importance of the Constitution, civil liberties and the role of the electorate in American society.
7. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the U.S. Constitution, the institution of national government, and the American political system as it relates to modern political events in American society.

*Required Course Measures, Evaluation of Required Measures, Evaluation may be tailored and/or modified by other full-time faculty or adjunct faculty.

*Suggested Outline:

Unit	Title and Chapters	
1	Part I: The American System Chapter 1 The Democratic Republic Chapter 2 The Constitution Chapter 3 Federalism	Complete class activities, homework assignments, discussions and/or quizzes
2	Part II: Civil Rights and Liberties Chapter 4 Civil Liberties Chapter 5 Civil Rights	Complete class activities, homework assignments, discussions and/or quizzes
3	Part III: People and Politics Chapter 6 Public Opinion and Political Socialization Chapter 8 Political Parties Chapter 9 Campaigns and Elections Chapter 10 The Media	Complete class activities, homework assignments, discussions and/or quizzes
4	Part IV: POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS Chapter 11 The Congress Chapter 12 The President Chapter 13 The Bureaucracy Chapter 14 The Courts	Complete class activities, homework assignments, discussions and/or quizzes
5	Part V: PUBLIC POLICY Chapter 15 Domestic and Economic Policy Chapter 16 Foreign Policy	Complete class activities, homework assignments, discussions and/or quizzes

****Students – please refer to the Instructor’s Course Information sheet for specific information on assessments and due dates.***

Part III: Grading and Assessment

EVALUATION OF REQUIRED COURSE MEASURES/ARTIFACTS*

Students’ performance will be assessed and the weight associated with the various measures/artifacts are listed below.

EVALUATION*

Exams (2 to 5 Exams including Final exam if applicable)	40%-80%
Quizzes/Assignments/Discussions	10%-30%
Papers/Projects/Portfolios	10%-30%
<u>Class participation</u>	<u>0%-10%</u>
	100%

****Students, for the specific number and type of evaluations, please refer to the Instructor’s Course Information Sheet.***

GRADING SYSTEM:

Horry-Georgetown Technical College GRADING SYSTEM:

90% to 100%	A
80% to 89%	B
70% to 79%	C
60% to 69%	D
below 60%	F

Grades earned in courses impact academic progression and financial aid status. Before withdrawing from a course, be sure to talk with your instructor and financial aid counselor about the implications of that course of action. Ds, Fs, Ws, WFs and Is also negatively impact academic progression and financial aid status.

The Add/Drop Period is the first 5 days of the semester for **full term** classes. Add/Drop periods are shorter for accelerated format courses. Please refer to the academic calendar for deadlines for add/drop ([ACADEMIC CALENDAR](#)). You must attend at least one meeting of all of your classes during that period. If you do not, you will be dropped from the course(s) and your Financial Aid will be reduced accordingly.

Part IV: Attendance

Horry-Georgetown Technical College maintains a general attendance policy requiring students to be present for a minimum of eighty percent (80%) of his or her classes in order to be eligible to receive credit for any course. However, due to the varied nature of courses taught at the College, a more rigid attendance policy may be required by individual instructors. At a minimum, a student may be withdrawn from a course(s) after he or she has been absent in excess of ten percent (10%) of the total contact hours for a course. **Instructors define absentee limits for their class at the beginning of each term; please refer to the Instructor Course Information Sheet.**

Any student missing more than two (2) weeks without notification will be withdrawn for excessive absences.

For online and hybrid courses, check your Instructor's Course Information Sheet for any required on-site meeting times. Please note, instructors may require tests to be taken at approved testing sites, if you use a testing center other than those provided by HGTC, the center may charge a fee for its services.

Part V: Student Resources

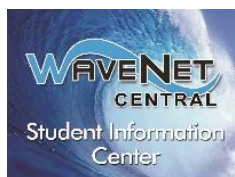


The Student Success and Tutoring Center (SSTC)

The SSTC offers to all students the following **free** resources:

1. **Academic coaches** for most subject areas, **Writing Center Support**, and **college success skills**.
2. **On-line student success and academic support resources**.

Visit the SSTC website: [Student Success & Tutoring Center](#) and visit the student services tab in your WaveNet account to schedule appointments using TutorTrac. For more information, call: SSTC Conway, 349-7872; SSTC Grand Strand, 477-2113; and SSTC Georgetown, 520-1455. Room locations and Live Chat is available on the SSTC website.



Student Information Center: WaveNet Central (WNC)

WNC offers to all students the following **free** resources:

1. **Getting around HGTC:** General information and guidance for enrollment!
2. Use the [Online Resource Center \(ORC\)](#) for COMPASS support, technology education, and online tools.
3. **Drop-in technology support or scheduled training** in the Center or in class.
4. **In-person workshops, online tutorials and more services** are available.

Visit the WNC website: [Wavenet Central](#). Live Chat and Center locations are posted on the website. Or please call one of the following locations: WNC Conway, 349-5182; WNC Grand Strand, 477-2076; and WNC Georgetown, 520-1473.

Student Testing:

Testing in an **online/hybrid** course may be accomplished in a variety of ways:

- Test administered within D2L
- Test administered in writing on paper
- Test administered through Publisher Platforms

Further more tests may have time limits and/or require a proctor.

Proctoring can be accomplished either face-to-face at an approved site or online through RPNOW, our online proctoring service. To find out more about proctoring services, please visit

the [Online Testing](#) section of the HGTC's Testing Center webpage.

The **Instructor Information Sheet** will have more details on test requirements for your course.

Disability Services:

HGTC is committed to providing an accessible environment for students with disabilities. Inquiries may be directed to Jocelyn Williams, Director of Student Development on the Conway Campus Jaime Davis, Counselor/Advisor on the Georgetown Campus or Kristin Griffin, Counselor on the Grand Strand Campus. These individuals will review documentation of the student's disability and, in a confidential setting with the student, develop an educational accommodation plan.

Note: It is the student's responsibility to self-identify as needing accommodations and to provide acceptable documentation. After a student has self-identified and submitted documentation of a disability, accommodations may be determined, accepted, and provided.

Statement of Equal Opportunity/Non-Discrimination Statement

Horry Georgetown Technical College prohibits discrimination and harassment, including sexual harassment and abuse, on the basis of race, color, gender, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, disability, marital status, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or pregnancy in educational programs and/or activities.

Title IX Requirements

Horry Georgetown Technical College prohibits the offenses of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Any student who believe he or she has experienced or witnessed discrimination including sexual harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking is encouraged to report such incidents to one of the College's Title IX Coordinators.

*Faculty and Staff are required to report incidents to the Title IX Coordinators when involving students. The only HGTC employees exempt from mandatory reporting are licensed mental health professionals (only as part of their job description such as counseling services).

Inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:	
Student and prospective student inquiries concerning Section 504, Title II, and Title IX and their application to the College or any student decision may be directed to the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs.	Employee and applicant inquiries concerning Section 504, Title II, and Title IX and their application to the College may be directed to the Associate Vice President for Human Resources.
Dr. Melissa Batten, AVP Student Affairs <i>Title IX Coordinator</i>	Jacquelyne Snyder, AVP Human Resources <i>Section 504, Title II, and Title IX Coordinator</i>
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