

VALENCIA COLLEGE

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U.S. Government

Spring 2024 Credit Courses

Professor Information



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Student Engagement Hours: Valencia College students can expect to have timely access to faculty outside of class. Refer to your course Canvas space or other supplemental course information for details on your professor's preferred means and times of communication.

Course Information

Credit Hours: 3

Class Meeting Times: ONLINE

Course Description: U.S. GOVERNMENT. Analysis of the organization structure and operational dynamics of the U.S. national government, both past and present, and an examination of the U.S. Constitution, including principles and theories supporting it. This

course includes learning activity designed to ensure competence in the basic use of computers.

Course Outcomes

Explain the philosophical theories that led to the writing of the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution. Describe the basic principles of American democracy and how they are applied in our Republican form of government. Explain the checks and balances system created by the U.S. Constitution given to each branch. Analyze the relationship between the individual and the government in pursuit of social, political, and economic goals. Students will analyze how the U.S. electoral system impacts the level of political participation of the individual.

Required Materials

We The People

Subtitle: An Introduction to American Politics

ISBN: 978-0-393-88784-6

Authors: Benjamin Ginsberg, Theodore J. Lowi, Margaret Weir, Caroline J. Tolbert, Robert J. Spitzer

Publisher: W. W. Norton

Publication Date: 2023

Edition: 14th Essential

Required/Recommended: Required

Assessments

Assessment in this course will weekly discussion post requiring interaction with fellow students, and three short quizzes of fifty questions each.

Attendance

You are expected to attend all class meetings of all courses for which you are registered. Regular attendance and regular class participation are significant factors that promote success in college. For online courses, attendance is determined by consistently logging in and accessing the course content and completing courses in accordance with the course schedule.

Due to the 16-week online course format, and the amount of material that will be covered, **there will be NO allowance for make-up work.** The course assignments will require interaction with your fellow students, so if assignments are not completed when they are due, you will not be able to interact with your fellow students and as such will not get credit for completing the assignment.

Academic Honesty

All forms of academic dishonesty are prohibited at Valencia College. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, acts or attempted acts of plagiarism, cheating, furnishing false information, forgery, alteration or misuse of documents, misconduct during a testing situation, facilitating academic dishonesty, and misuse of identification with intent to defraud or deceive.

If a faculty member concludes a student in their class has violated this policy, the faculty member can choose to assign academic penalties that include, without limitation, one or more of the following: loss of credit for the assessment (assignment, examination, project, paper, etc.); a reduction in the course final grade; a grade of “F” as the final grade in the course. The faculty member may also refer the violation for action in accordance with Policy 6Hx28:8-03, Student Code of Conduct.

Student Code of Conduct

Valencia is dedicated not only to the advancement of knowledge and learning but also to the development of responsible personal and social conduct. As a registered student, you assume the responsibility for conducting yourself in a manner that contributes positively to Valencia's learning community and does not impair, interfere with, or obstruct the orderly conduct, processes, and functions of the college as described in the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

Disclaimer Statement

Changes to this syllabus, schedule, and/or policy may be made at any time during the course per instructor discretion. These changes will be reasonable and made in the best interest of student learning. Students will be notified of any changes either in class, through Announcements, and/or via the Canvas Inbox conversations tool. Students with any concerns about any changes should discuss it with the instructor as soon as possible.