

DevSer 214: Government Basics Reedley College –Fall 2016 (55843)

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Instruction: Monday/Friday 8:00-8:50 a.m. Humanities Room 63

Final Exam: Monday December 12, 2016 8:00-9:50 a.m.

Holidays (NO CLASS)

Monday 9/5/16 Labor Day (campus closed)

Friday 11/11/16 Veterans Day (campus open)

Thursday/Friday 11/24-25/16 Thanksgiving (campus closed)

Course Description: This course focuses on developing the students' understanding of the function of government and their role within it as a citizen. Topics addressed will include the basic structure of government, legislation impacting disability issues, disability resources/services available in the community and a citizen's influence on government. This course is designed for students with disabilities.

In the process of completing this course the student will demonstrate the ability to:

- A. Fill in a structure chart of state/federal/local governments.**
- B. Identify at least three rights they have as a student with a disability at Reedley College.**
- C. Identify at least three rights they have as a citizen of the United States.**

Textbooks: You will be provided with a class booklet that contains all lecture notes and class assignment sheets.

Materials Needed to Bring to Class EVERYDAY:

- Class booklet
- Binder with paper
- Pencil/Pen

You will lose participation points if you do not bring materials to class.

Attendance and Class Participation: Students are expected to attend all classes, actively participate in class exercises and discussions, and complete and turn in assignments. **Students who are late or frequently absent will lose participation points.** If a student is unable to attend, it is his/her responsibility to notify the instructor and get any missed information and/or assignments from the instructor or other students. According to campus policy, any student missing more than 4 classes can be dropped from the class.

Grading System: Grading will be based on class participation, completed homework assignments and attendance, as well as exams.

Total Possible Points: 300

Participation:	50 pts.
Homework Assignments: 2 @ 25 pts. each	50 pts.
4 Quizzes @ 25 pts. each	100 pts.
Midterm Exam	50 pts.
Final Exam	50 pts.

Grading Scale

270-300=A	180-209=D
240-269=B	179 and below=F
210-239=C	

Extra Credit: Extra credit assignments may be given at the instructor's discretion to help students to get more practice and points in deficient areas. **Students will only be eligible for extra credit if ALL class assignments and homework assignments have been completed.**

Plagiarism and Cheating: As in all college classes, students are expected to do their own work. Any student caught cheating on a test or quiz will be subject to campus disciplinary procedures. Plagiarism will result in lost points on the assignments.

Important Note: If you have any special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) such as extended testing time, an alternate testing location, books on e-text, note taking assistance, or adaptive equipment and you need reasonable accommodations, please notify instructor immediately.

**COURSE SYLLABUS MAY BE CHANGED BY INSTRUCTOR WITHOUT
PRIOR NOTICE.**

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