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ISSUES & POLICIES IN AMERICAN GOVT: TEXAS POLITICAL HISTORY

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Required Reading

Randolph B. Campbell, **Gone to Texas: A History of the Lone Star State**, Oxford University Press, 2004 (paperback)

Description

This course will examine the major events and personalities 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 (under "Course Documents") for a full description of the grading system.

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Schedule and Assignments

JUNE 2	Introduction [C] Ch. 1
JUNE 3,6,7	Spanish & Mexican Texas [C] Chs. 2-5
JUNE 8,9	The Texas Revolution [C] Ch. 6
JUNE 10,13	The Texas Republic [C] Ch. 7
JUNE 14	REVIEW
JUNE 15	FIRST EXAM
JUNE 16,17	Early Statehood [C] Chs. 8,9

JUNE 20,21	Civil War and Reconstruction [C] Chs. 10,11
JUNE 22	The Constitution of '76 & the Origins of Populism [C] Ch. 12
JUNE 23	Populism and the Age of Reform [C] pp. 324-352
JUNE 24	REVIEW
JUNE 27	SECOND EXAM
JUNE 28,29	From WWI to the Great Depression [C] pp. 352-394
JUNE 30	The 1940s and 1950s [C] pp. 394-429
JULY 1	The 1960s and 1970s [C] pp. 429-449
JULY 5	The 1980s and 1990s [C] pp. 450-471
JULY 6	REVIEW
JULY 7	THIRD EXAM