

# Government Department Course Offerings

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Aside from American Government 2305 and State & Local Government 2306 (the courses that are taken to primarily satisfy the core curriculum requirements), the Government Department at ACC also offers a number of additional courses. Feel free to contact the faculty members that are noted should you have specific questions about the courses that are listed below.

## **GOVT 2304 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE.**

This course is an introductory survey of the discipline of political science, focusing on the history, scope, and methods of the field and the substantive topics in the discipline.

Prerequisites: GOVT 2305 and GOVT 2306

Contact the following faculty members if you have questions about this course:  
Karry Evans [kevans@austincc.edu](mailto:kevans@austincc.edu) or Roy Casagrande [rcasagra@austincc.edu](mailto:rcasagra@austincc.edu)

## **GOVT 2305 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WITH A MINORITIES SPECIALIZATION OR AS AN HONORS COURSE.**

**Minorities Specialization** - This course views national government through the perspectives of its political cultures. Four groups are identified and studied: African-Americans, Hispanics, Asian-Americans, and Native Americans. Study of the United States Constitution and the institutions and processes of the United States government are an integral part of this course. However, students do not attend scheduled classes, but study a textbook and use web-based resources to complete assignments. Students must complete an online orientation during the first week of classes, take all exams in ACC testing centers, and maintain satisfactory progress in the course to remain enrolled. Students are required to have an Internet account to take this course. ACC does not provide Internet accounts.

Contact the following faculty member if you have questions about registering for this course:  
Paz Pena [paz@austincc.edu](mailto:paz@austincc.edu)

**United States Government Honors Courses** – This course satisfies the requirements for GOVT 2305.

Contact the following faculty members if you have questions about taking GOVT 2305 as an Honors Course:  
Karry Evans [kevans@austincc.edu](mailto:kevans@austincc.edu) Ted Hadzi-Antich [thadzian@austincc.edu](mailto:thadzian@austincc.edu)

**GOVT 2306 TEXAS STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITH A LAND USE SPECIALIZATION OR AS AN HONORS COURSE.**

**Land Use Specialization** - This course is an introduction to Texas state and local government with an emphasis on land use policy. The course includes the powers and practices of local governments in controlling land use. Topics include annexation, extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ), the legal issue of "takings," eminent domain, zoning, Municipal Utility Districts (MUDs), environmental impact considerations, subdivision ordinances, and deed restrictions. This course substitutes for GOVT 2306 for degree and graduation requirements.

Contact the following faculty member if you have questions about the Land Use Course:  
Ronald Fletcher [rflatche@austincc.edu](mailto:rflatche@austincc.edu)

**Texas State and Local Government Honors Courses** – This course satisfies the requirements for GOVT 2306.

Contact the following faculty members if you have questions about taking GOVT 2306 as an Honors Course:  
Karry Evans [kevans@austincc.edu](mailto:kevans@austincc.edu) Ted Hadzi-Antich [thadzian@austincc.edu](mailto:thadzian@austincc.edu)

**GOVT 2311 MEXICAN AMERICAN POLITICS.**

The goal of this course is to introduce students to the Mexican-American political experience. Students will explore the political forces that have been integral to the inclusion/exclusion of political development of Mexican-Americans in the United States. Prerequisites: GOVT 2305 and GOVT 2306.

Contact the following faculty member if you have questions about registering for this course:  
Paz Pena [paz@austincc.edu](mailto:paz@austincc.edu)

**GOVT 2389 INTERNSHIP IN GOVERNMENT.**

This course consists of experiential learning as an intern to a state legislator or another state or local government agency. Prerequisites: GOVT 2305, GOVT 2306.

Contact the following faculty member if you have questions about registering for this course:  
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