

Department of Political Science
Texas State University

Political Science 2310 Credit by Examination

Nature of the Examination

Candidates for credit for POSI 2310 will first take a multiple choice exam (CLEP) covering American Government.

If the candidate passes this exam, he/she will take an essay exam that consists of two questions covering Texas Government. Each response must be a minimum of 250 words to be considered complete and the entire essay exam must be completed in one hour. Because a full semester of course credit for POSI 2310 rests on these brief essays, those taking the test must demonstrate quickly and conclusively their superior knowledge of Texas politics, as well as their writing ability. Those who pass the essay exam receive credit (CR) for POSI 2310 – no letter grade is recorded.

Evaluation of Standards for the Examinations

A faculty member with 2310 teaching experience will evaluate the essay using the following grading rubric. Essays earn credit only if they clearly meet or exceed the standards in demonstrating 1) knowledge of Texas Government; 2) ability to use supporting facts; and 3) writing ability.

| Objective | Meets Standard | Exceeds Standard | Not Demonstrated |
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| Knowledge of Texas Government | Develops 3 or 4 significant and relevant main ideas | Develops 5 or more significant and relevant main ideas | Fails to develop a minimum of 3 significant and relevant main ideas |
| Use of Supporting Facts | Uses 3 or 4 effective supporting facts for each main idea | Uses 5 or more effective supporting facts for each main idea | Fails to develop a minimum of 3 effective supporting facts for each main idea |
| Writing Ability | Contains less than 5 common errors in the use of conventional written English | Contains less than 3 common errors in the use of conventional written English and shows a complexity of thought and development, while sustaining clarity in expression | Contains in excess of 5 common errors in the use of conventional written English and fails to express ideas clearly |

The evaluation of an essay is final and cannot be discussed or appealed.

I understand that the evaluation of my essay for credit-by-examination in Political Science 2310 is final and that I have no option to appeal the evaluation or to discuss the results with any member of the Department of Political Science.

Name (print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____