Course Expectations Letter

Subject: Political Science 110

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Catalog Course Description:
This course surveys and analyzes the origins, principles, institutions, policies, and politics of U.S. National and California State Governments, including their constitutions. Emphasis is placed on the rights and responsibilities of citizens, and an understanding of the political processes and issues involved in the workings of government. This course fulfills the American Institutions requirement for the Associate Degree. It also is suitable for students wishing to expand their knowledge of local, state and national governments.

3 Units
54 Lecture hours.

Student Learning Outcomes:
Given a description of American government, including the three branches of government and the political processes, the student will evaluate the concept of “checks and balances.” The student will also examine and explain the role and functions of governmental structures and political parties in achieving the goals of a democratic government.

By logging into Canvas you affirm that you are the student who enrolled in the course(s) and are the person who will complete the assigned work. Furthermore, you agree to follow the regulations regarding academic integrity, personal identification and the use of student information as described in BP 5500 (Standards of Conduct) and AP 5520 (Student Conduct Procedures) which are the Rio Hondo College student conduct codes that govern student rights and responsibilities. You acknowledge that failure to abide by the regulations set forth in BP 5500 and AP 5520 may result in disciplinary action, including expulsion from the college.

This is NOT a self-paced course. There are firm deadlines in this class. There are assignments due on a regular basis. Please plan your time carefully!

Textbook: GOVT by Sidlow & Henschen (latest edition). Please consult the Bookstore for information at (562) 463-7345 or go to Rio Hondo College Online Bookstore

This course will include regular instructor student contact. Methods of regular instructor student contact include:

Normally, the instructor will respond to general course questions (please note “I have a question” within e-mail subject box) within 24 hours (excluding weekends and holidays).

Extra Credit: Optional opportunities for extra credit include attending a city council or school board meeting of elected officials. A written assignment summary, including student observations and perspectives is required.

Proctored exams required: The midterm and final exams, each taking approximately one hour, are proctored on campus. For students unable to make the schedule exam dates/times, or live outside the immediate area of the college, other arrangements can be made to take the exams. Alternate arrangements can be
requested, with the instructor prepared to approve a variety of options. Additional information is available at the course website.

_The instructor may drop you for non-participation._

There will be a one to three business day delay after an add code is used before a student may be able to log on to Canvas.

For students new to online classes, it is highly recommended that you take the Online Orientation through our Online Education website. This will help explain what online classes are like and familiarize you with how the class is laid out. The orientation can be found at: [http://www.riohondo.edu/canvas-orientation/](http://www.riohondo.edu/canvas-orientation/)

Email Responses: Instructors will make every attempt to respond to students in a timely fashion. Responses can take up to 48 hours before a response is received, excluding weekends and holidays.

Disability: A Student with a verified disability may be entitled to appropriate academic accommodations. Please contact your instructor and/or the Disabled Students & Programs office at 562-908-3420 for more information.

_Modifications and Disclaimer: The instructor reserves the right to modify the content of the course or any course procedure. It is the responsibility of the student to keep apprised of all changes. If the student wishes to drop the class he/she is responsible for initiating the drop. Do not take it for granted that you will be dropped. If you stop working and do not drop the course, you may get an undesirable grade._