Subject: Political Science 110: Government of the United States

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Catalog Course Description:
Political Science 110
Government of the United States
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

Student Learning Outcomes:
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The student will express an understanding of the interaction between the three federal branches of government. Students should have the ability to think critically in order to understand social issues

Textbook: 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:
This is an online class where regular student contact with the professor and with other online students is through "Discussion Groups" on topics selected by the professor to compliment the class material and to help build students' confidence to engage in discussions of current issues and principles of government.
"Class Notes" will present ideas that add to the textbook's content. Students are expected to respond to these ideas with comments and questions.
"Class Exercises" enable students to analyze material and apply their interpretations of the material. The professor will engage the students in discussing their interpretations.
"Interesting Articles" presents current political articles from a wide variety of sources that analyze current events. Students are encouraged to discuss these articles with the professor.
Reading the textbook is the foundation of analyzing current events and gaining confidence in one's ability to understand and present well-reasoned positions about government and current events so students become confident to engage as a voter and as a community member in government throughout their lives.
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 Blackboard.

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