

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT CHATTANOOGA  
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COURSE TITLE: State Government, Politics, and Policy  
COURSE NUMBER: Political Science 5230 (CRN 46508)  
CLASSROOM: FLETCHER 416

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COURSE CATALOG DESCRIPTION: The organization, functions, and operations of state governments in the United States. Emphasis on policy formation and outputs.

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EXAM POLICY: There will be three tests each of equal value. The first exam will be held before the withdrawal deadline. Both essay and multiple choice questions will be used. I may also assign additional short essays beyond those already assign by Dr. Hamilton. I am currently formulating plans for a research project and may decide to go to two tests depending on how those plans develop. Please assume the test dates are valid until notified otherwise.

DAILY TOPICS AND READINGS: This schedule may have to be adjusted to accommodate some guest speakers who are due to speak to this class. The references below to UTC Learn Chap.1 (etc.) refer to the book length manuscript in the Course Documents section of UTC Learn. I anticipate adding more material from Bowler et.al *Citizens as Legislators* as the course progresses. Also more material on policy will be added in the latter third of the course if the research project can be developed.

9-10 UTC Learn Chap. 1 Introduction and Chap. 2 Federalism

9-17 TN Blue Book, pp. 352-455 TN Historical Background

9-24 TN Constitution in TN Blue Bk, pp. 532-555; Bowler et.al *Citizens as Legislators*, pp. 1-55

10-1 Review for First Unit Test and FIRST UNIT TEST

10-8 and 10-15 UTC Learn Chap. 4, Governor pp. 4-1 to 4-17; TN Blue Book pp.122-136,487-503; Thad Beyle, Governors in Virginia Gray et. al. Politics in the American States, pp. 191-231

10-22 and 10-29 UTC Learn Chap.5, Legis. pp. 5-1 to 5-23, TN Blue Book pp. 1-19,37-46; Keith Hamm and Gary Moncrief, Legislative Politics in V. Gray et. al. Politics in the American States, pp. 144-190.

11-5 Review for Second Unit Test and SECOND UNIT TEST

11-12 UTC Learn, Chap. 6, Courts pp. 6-1 to 6-9, TN Blue Bk pp. 285-306 and UTC Learn, Chap. 7, Administration. pp. 7-1 to 7-8, TN Blue Bk pp. 141-283.

11-19 UTC Learn Chap.8, Politics and Policy 8-1 to 8-10

11-26 NO CLASS -- Thanksgiving Holiday

THE THIRD UNIT TEST WILL BE HELD IN THE REGULAR CLASSROOM ON THE REGULAR SCHEDULED EXAM SESSION. THERE WILL BE NO FINAL EXAM.