

Federal Government
PS 2301

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1. College Mission Statement: *Arlington Baptist College endeavors to prepare men and women for Christian life and ministries, both lay and professional, through studies in Bible, general education, church vocations, and practical service; integrating faith and learning in the context of a Christian worldview.*
2. Course Description: This course surveys the Constitution of the United States and examines the functions and services of the Federal government. A variety of problems of federalism is discussed.
3. Textbooks:
 - 3.1 George Orwell, Animal Farm, Signet
 - 3.2 Charles Colson, Against the Night, Servant Press (Out of Print - Check out from library)
4. Course Goals:
 - 4.1 Cause the student to think, rather than just learn, about, the foundations of our Republic.
 - 4.2 Familiarize the students with the foundations of our governmental system.
 - 4.3 Provide a biblical perspective for the separation of powers and the checks and balances of our system of limited government.
 - 4.4 Empower students to analyze and understand current events and how philosophy and worldview contribute to perspectives and decision-making.
 - 4.5 Challenge the students to throw off apathy and become involved in the political process.
 - 4.6 Present the students the opportunity to evaluate various topics of political science in order to appreciate the material presented.
 - 4.7 Stimulate and foster a heightened interest and prayer concerning our federal leaders.

5. Learning Goals:

- 5.1 Complete all distributed note-takers, articles and material presented in class.
- 5.2 Demonstrate a grasp of material through unit tests, comprehensive final, and analyses of Animal Farm and Against the Night.

6. Learning Objectives:

- 6.1 Complete all distributed note-takers, articles, homework and any material presented in class.
- 6.2 Demonstrate a grasp of material through unit tests, comprehensive final, and analyses of Animal Farm and Against the Night.

7. Methods of Evaluation:

- 7.1 Assignments – 25%
- 7.2 *Against the Night* Assignment – 25%
- 7.3 Animal Farm Assignment – 25%
- 7.4 Tests and Quizzes – 25%

8. Schedule (You will need to complete the reading and quizzes for each of the 15 lessons. You will choose the written assignments from one of the two lessons for that week (Example: Week one – read lessons 1 & 2, complete quizzes for lessons 1 & 2, complete the written assignments for either lessons 1 or 2)

The *Against the Night* & *Animal Farm* assignments are the written assignments for Weeks 7 & 8. Please ensure that you complete both of the papers.

Week	Date	Content	Assignment	Quiz Exam
1	1/12 – 1/18	Lessons 1 & 2	Yes	Yes
2	1/19 – 1/25	Lessons 3 & 4	Yes	Yes
3	1/26 – 2/1	Lessons 5 & 6	Yes	Yes
4	2/2 – 2/8	Lessons 7 & 8	Yes	Yes
5	2/9 – 2/15	Lessons 9 & 10	Yes	Yes
6	2/16 – 2/22	Lessons 11 & 12	Yes	Yes
7	2/23 – 3/1	Lessons 13 & 14	Yes	Yes
8	3/2 – 3/8	Lesson 15	Yes	No

Note: Assignments, Quizzes and Exams are due by midnight Sunday in order to receive credit. No late work is accepted unless prior approval is given due to family emergencies or ministry related activities.