Week 1 (January 19 – January 22)

*Introduction to the Course*
Overview of the course, class policies, and the syllabus

In the General Discussion Board, Introduce yourself by stating your name and classification, why you are taking this class, and something interesting about you.

*Chapter One - The Political Culture, People, and Economy of Texas*
Chapter One: Governing Texas: Intro to Texas Politics
The Texas Declaration of Independence (Blackboard)
The Texas Constitution (link to online version)

Week 2 (January 25 – January 29)

*Chapter Two – The Texas Constitution*
Chapter Two: Governing Texas: Intro to Texas Politics
Quiz Chapter Two
Short Writing Assignment Chapter Two
The Constitution of the United States (Blackboard)

Week 3 (February 1 – February 5)

*Chapter Three – Texas in the Federal System*
Chapter Three: Governing Texas: Intro to Texas Politics
Quiz Chapter Three
Short Writing Assignment Chapter Three
City of Tyler Charter (Blackboard)

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Week 4 (February 8 – February 12)

*Chapter Four – Political Parties in Texas*
Chapter Four: Governing Texas: Intro to Texas Politics
Quiz Chapter Four
Short Writing Assignment Chapter Four
Texas Political Party Platforms

Week 5 (February 15 – February 19)

*Chapter Five – Elections in Texas*
Chapter Five: Governing Texas: Intro to Texas Politics
Quiz Chapter Five
Short Writing Assignment Chapter Five
Texas Election Code (online link)

Week 6 (February 22 – February 26)

*Group Presentations*
Group Presentations instructions (Blackboard)

*Chapter Six – Interest Groups and Lobbying*
Chapter Six: Governing Texas: Intro to Texas Politics
Quiz Chapter Six
Short Writing Assignment Chapter Six
Links to websites of several Texas Interest Groups

Week 7 (February 29 – March 4)

*Chapter Seven – The Texas Legislature*
Chapter Seven: Governing Texas: Intro to Texas Politics
Quiz Chapter Seven
Short Writing Assignment Chapter Seven
Links to Texas Legislature

Week 8 Spring Break (March 7 – March 11)

Week 9 (March 14 – March 18)

*Chapter Eight – The Texas Executive Branch*
Chapter Eight: Governing Texas: Intro to Texas Politics
Quiz Chapter Eight
Short Writing Assignment Chapter Eight
Links to Governors and other executives’ websites

Week 10 (March 21 – March 25)

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Chapter Nine – The Texas Judiciary
Chapter Nine: Governing Texas: Intro to Texas Politics
Quiz Chapter Nine
Short Writing Assignment Chapter Nine
Links to Governors and other executives’ websites

Week 11 (March 28 – March 31)

Chapter Ten – Local Government in Texas
Chapter Ten: Governing Texas: Intro to Texas Politics
Quiz Chapter Ten

Week 12 (April 4 – April 8)

Chapter Eleven – Public Finance in Texas
Chapter Eleven: Governing Texas: Intro to Texas Politics
Quiz Chapter Eleven
Short Writing Assignment Chapter Eleven

Week 13 (April 11 – April 15)

11/9 Major Paper due on topic given by professor

Week 14 (April 18 – April 22)

Chapter Twelve – Public Policy in Texas
Chapter Twelve: Governing Texas: Intro to Texas Politics
Short Writing Assignment Chapter Twelve

Week 15 (April 25 – April 29)

Chapter Thirteen - Crime and Corrections Policy
Chapter Thirteen: Governing Texas: Intro to Texas Politics
Short Writing Assignment Chapter Thirteen

Week 16 (May 2 – May 6)

Final Exam May 4 to May 11