Meeting the U.S./California Institutions Requirement by Exam

U.S. Constitution & Government

California State & Local Government

Academic credit is not earned by these exams.

The Testing Center will administer the exam(s).
There are two exams (administered via Moodle), a multiple-choice exam for U.S. Constitution and Government (Exam A) and an essay exam for California State and Local Government (Exam B).

TAKING THE GOVERNMENT EXAMS

Students who need both exams must take them at the same time. Students will be given 100 multiple-choice questions on U.S. Constitution and Government to answer during a 90-minute period (maximum); and one question on California State and Local Government to answer during one hour (maximum). Students who need only complete the California State and Local Government exam must answer three questions in a maximum of two hours.

Students who decide to exercise the examination option should contact the Testing Center. These exams are given by individual appointment in the Testing Center. Please call 826-3611 for an appointment. The exam fee is $5.00 for HSU students. Examinees are required to present photo I.D. These tests may be repeated only once. Students who repeat the exam should understand that they probably will not be responding to the same questions the second time they take the test.

PREPARING FOR THE GOVERNMENT EXAMS

There are no provisions for assisting students to prepare for the exams. The Department of Politics cannot provide tutoring or consultation. Students who would like help in preparing for the exam should enroll in an Institutions course.

To prepare for the exams, students should read with care a standard textbook of American national government and/or California government and politics. Any recent text is sufficient. The Politics Department has placed copies of numerous recent texts on reserve at the HSU Library. Look under Permanent Reserve, Challenge Exam – Political Science. Texts currently used in Institutions courses are also normally available from the HSU Bookstore. In addition, the list of possible California State and Local Government exam questions are available on the Politics Department web site (see Student Resources).
for review prior to the exam. Please note: If a student is taking both exams, he or she should read two texts, one for each exam.

**GRADING THE GOVERNMENT EXAMS**

A passing score for the U.S. Constitution and Government exam is 70 or above. The exam will be electronically graded immediately upon its completion. The student will be informed of the number of correct answers but not which specific questions were correct or incorrect.

The faculty member of the Department of Politics responsible for reading the California State and Local Government essay exams will make every effort to read them within two weeks. Students should be made aware that they should not expect results sooner. However, this two-week limit does not apply during the last week of a semester. At the end of the semester, the responsible faculty member will read exams at her or his earliest convenience.

There are no provisions for providing the student with feedback on the exams. Students wishing feedback on their performance should enroll in an Institutions course.

The Office of the Registrar will be notified by the Testing Center of all students who pass the exams.