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 essay exams, one for U.S. Constitution and Government (Exam A) and one 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 four or five questions on U.S. Constitution and Government from which they will choose three questions to answer during a three-hour period (maximum); and two or three questions on California State and Local Government from which they will choose one to answer during one hour (maximum). Students who need only complete one of the exams must answer two questions from the appropriate exam in a maximum of three hours.

Students who decide to exercise the examination option should contact the Testing Center, where they can obtain a copy of the exam questions. 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 once during a semester, but students who repeat the exam should understand that they probably will not be writing on 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 Government & 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 exam, students should read with care a standard textbook of American national government and/or California government and politics. Any recent text is sufficient. The Government & 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. Please note: If a student is taking both exams, he or she should read two texts, one for each exam.
GRADING THE GOVERNMENT EXAMS

The faculty member of the Department of Government & Politics responsible for reading the exams will make every effort to read them within two weeks of receiving them from the Testing Center. 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.

The Evaluators section of the Admissions & Records office will be notified by the Testing Center of all students who pass the exams. All exams will be kept at the Testing Center, and students may examine their own tests upon request. Beyond this, there are no provisions for providing the student with feedback on the exam. Students wishing feedback on their performance should enroll in an Institutions course.