

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Government and History Coursework Policy

§ 51.301. GOVERNMENT OR POLITICAL SCIENCE.

(a) Every college and university receiving state support or state aid from public funds shall give a course of instruction in government or political science which includes consideration of the Constitution of the United States and the constitutions of the states, with special emphasis on that of Texas. This course shall have a **credit value of not less than six semester hours** or its equivalent. No college or university receiving state support or state aid from public funds may grant a baccalaureate degree or a lesser degree or academic certificate to any person unless he has credit for such a course. The college or university may determine that a student has satisfied this requirement in whole or in part on the basis of credit granted to him by the college or university for a substantially equivalent course completed at another accredited college or university or on the basis of the student's successful completion of an advanced standing examination administered on the conditions and under the circumstances common for the college or university's advanced standing examinations. The college or university may grant as much as three semester hours of credit or its equivalent toward satisfaction of this requirement for substantially equivalent work completed by the student in the program of an approved senior R.O.T.C. unit.

(b) The requirement of Subsection (a) that the required course must include special emphasis on the Texas Constitution does not apply to a degree granted on completion of an academic program offered by a medical and dental unit, as that term is defined by Section 61.003, to a student who is a member of the armed forces of the United States, including the reserves or national guard, if:

- (1) the program is operated by the medical and dental unit under contract with the United States Army;
- (2) the program requires less than two years of residency in this state; and
- (3) the principal participants in the program are military personnel stationed outside this state.

Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 5, § 1, eff. March 23, 1995;
Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 17, § 1, eff. Aug. 28, 1995.

§ 51.302. AMERICAN OR TEXAS HISTORY. No college or university receiving state support or state aid from public funds may grant a baccalaureate degree or a lesser degree or academic certificate to any person unless he has credit for **six semester hours or its equivalent in American History.** A student is entitled to submit as much as three semester hours of credit or its equivalent in Texas History in partial satisfaction of this requirement. The college or university may determine that a student has satisfied this requirement in whole or part on the basis of credit granted to him by the college or university for a *substantially equivalent course completed at another accredited college or university,* or on the basis of the student's successful completion of an advanced standing examination administered on the conditions and under the circumstances common for the college or university's advanced standing examinations. The college or university may grant as much as three semester hours of credit or its equivalent toward satisfaction of this requirement for substantially equivalent work completed by a student in the program of an approved senior R.O.T.C. unit.

Acts 1971, 62nd Leg., p. 3072, ch. 1024, art. 1, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1971. Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 5, § 1, eff. March 23, 1995.