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Class location: This eCourse is hosted on Blackboard: https://ecourses.maricopa.edu/webapps/login/
Emergency website (only if Blackboard is down): http://web.gecaz.edu/~tmcclory/Azonline/AZonline.htm

Required textbook

About the course
This course explores the government of Arizona using the state constitution as the focus. There are many good reasons to learn more about this subject: First, it matters! Most people don’t realize that state government has the primary responsibility for education, public safety, public health, the environment, and more. Second, POS 221 will help you better understand the issues and candidate choices in the upcoming election. Finally, the course will deepen your understanding of politics in general. POS 221 is designed for citizens, future public employees, and scholars; there are no prerequisites. To learn more about the course check MCCCD’s official course description. Special note to eCourse students: Because this 6-week class moves quickly, and a significant amount of reading is involved, this online format is recommended only for students with good study habits and solid computer skills.

Class policies
Please consult the GCC College Handbook and the MCCCD Student Guide to learn more about your rights and responsibilities as a student at GCC.

Grading

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<td>5 contributions to the Discussion Board (5 points each; a 1-point deduction for untimely postings)</td>
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A = 90 points or higher; B = 80–89 points; C = 70–79 points; D = 60–69 points; F = below 60 points. Strong participation in class discussions will be considered in borderline cases.

Extra credit
If you want to enrich your learning experience, or simply improve your grade, you can earn up to 10 additional points by completing one or more of the posted extra credit assignments.