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Location: This eCourse is hosted on Blackboard: http://www.maricopa.edu/blackboard/
Emergency (if the main server is down): Go to: http://web.gccaz.edu/~tmclory/Azonline/Azonline.htm

Required textbook

About the course
This course explores the government of Arizona using the state constitution as a focus. There are many good reasons to learn more about Arizona politics: (1) State government has the primary responsibility for important policy areas such as education, public safety, health, the environment, and much more. (2) Voters in Arizona have the power to make and repeal laws, levy taxes and remove officials from office. To use these powers wisely requires knowledge. (3) Arizona government is distinctive. Learning about its unique structure will deepen your understanding of politics in general. (4) It’s entertaining! The state has outsized scandals as well as disproportionate achievements. This course will help you follow the action. POS 221 is intended for citizens, scholars, and public employees; there are no prerequisites. To learn more check MCCCD’s official course description.

Class policies
• This 6-week online class moves very quickly! Expect to devote roughly 6 hours per week to the course. Because a significant amount of reading is involved, this online section is suggested for self-motivated students with strong time-management skills and good study habits. You must be proficient with a web browser like Internet Explorer and have good computer skills.

• Late work will be accepted with a 10% grade deduction. (The penalty will be waived for special circumstances.)

• Your own words please! To receive credit, all written work must be in your own words unless you are quoting and properly credit the source. Plagiarism is a serious academic offense and the college penalties are severe. (See MCCCDO Online Manual, 2.3.11.) There are no joint projects in this course.

• Please keep a copy of all your work until the end of the course as insurance against loss by you or me.

• Let me know if you have any special needs that require accommodation and please make the appropriate arrangements with the College’s Disability Services Office (623) 845-3080.

• Consult the GCC Student Handbook and the MCCCD Student Guide to learn your rights and responsibilities as a student at GCC.
Grading

The course grade will be based on the following point system:

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<td>5 weekly discussion contributions (5 points each)</td>
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<td>5 unit quizzes* (first quiz = 5 points; remainder = 10 points each)</td>
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A = 135 points or higher; B = 120–134 points; C = 99–133 points; D = 90–98 points; F = below 90 points. Strong participation in class discussions will be considered in borderline cases.

Extra credit

Up to 15 extra credit points can be earned by completing additional assignments that will be announced in class. These credits can be used to offset low grades or late penalties. They cannot be used as substitutes for the required assignments identified above.