

POLS 101 Elements of Democratic Government

Credit Hours: 3

Scheduled hours per week

Lecture: 3 Lab: 0

Other: 0

Catalog Course Description: Introduction to government, origin, forms, and functions of the state; organization and forms of government; and the relations of groups and individuals to the state. Taught generally on a comparative basis.

Pre-requisites: N/A

Co-requisites: N/A

Course Learning Outcomes:

- Increase student knowledge of government and the role of politics in a global setting.
- Assist students in understanding and identifying the importance of the historical and classic works that influenced and shaped the understanding of democracy.
- Instruct students on the proper procedures in examining the political landscape.
- Compare U.S. politics to that of an global international perspective.

Topics to be studied:

- Liberalism vs. Conservatism
- Socialism and it's extremes
- Anarchism
- Nationalism and Patriotism
- Fascism as an extreme
- Feminism from Classical to extremism
- Ecologism
- Religious Fundamentalism and Democracy
- Multiculturalism

Relationship of Course to Discipline Learning Outcomes	
Define key actors and events in an historic period.	X
Distinguish major social, economic, political, and religious movements and their impact and influence.	X
Illustrate appropriate skills in citing sources using <i>The Chicago Manual of Style</i> .	
Identify the constituencies affected by competing ideologies.	X
Associate the interrelationship of nations and the results of competing national interests.	X
Examine the plight and evolving status of oppressed peoples, including African-Americans, women, Native Americans, Hispanics, and immigrants.	X
Develop sound research practices that reflect the standards in the field of history.	
Recognize the continuity of history and the influence of historic eras on succeeding eras.	X

Relationship of Course to General Education Learning Outcomes:

Composition and Rhetoric Students illustrate a fundamental understanding of the best practices of communicating in English and meet the writing standards of their college or program-based communication requirements.	
Science & Technology Students successfully apply systematic methods of analysis to the natural and physical world, understand scientific knowledge as empirical, and refer to data as a basis for conclusions.	
Mathematics & Quantitative Skills Students effectively use quantitative techniques and the practical application of numerical, symbolic, or spatial concepts.	
Society, Diversity, & Connections Students demonstrate understanding of and a logical ability to successfully analyze human behavior, societal and political organization, or communication.	x
Human Inquiry & the Past Students interpret historical events or philosophical perspectives by identifying patterns, applying analytical reasoning, employing methods of critical inquiry, or expanding problem-solving skills.	X
The Arts & Creativity Students successfully articulate and apply methods and principles of critical and creative inquiry to the production or analysis of works of art.	

Special requirements of the course:

N/A

Additional information:

N/A

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