



COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE TITLE: Introduction to Government

TERM & YEAR:

COURSE & SECTION NUMBER: POLS 113

TIME & PLACE:

NUMBER OF CREDIT HOURS: 3

INSTRUCTOR:

OFFICE LOCATION/HOURS:

OFFICE PHONE:

EMAIL:

COURSE DESCRIPTION: An examination of the origins and operations of the national political machinery; the development, functions and philosophy of political parties; the problems and tasks of leading governmental agencies.

PREREQUISITES: None

REQUIRED TEXT: GOVERNMENT IN AMERICA – PEOPLE, POLITICS AND POLICY, 2016 Election Ed., 17/E, 2018 by Edwards, Wattenberg, and Lineberry, Pearson

REFERENCES:

OTHER MATERIALS:

LEARNING OUTCOMES: Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Grasp and describe the development and structure of the U. S. Constitution
2. Explain American federalism
3. Describe the American political process
4. Summarize the relationship between the three major branches of the federal government
5. Explain the rights and liberties guaranteed by the U. S. Constitution

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

ATTENDANCE/PARTICIPATION

GRADING/EVALUATION:

OTHER POLICIES:

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

The University prohibits all forms of academic misconduct. Academic misconduct refers to dishonesty in examinations (cheating), presenting the ideas or the writing of someone else as one's own (plagiarism) or knowingly furnishing false information to the University by forgery, alteration, or misuse of University documents, records, or identification. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, the following examples: permitting another student to plagiarize or cheat from one's own work, submitting an academic exercise (written work, printing, design, computer program) that has been prepared totally or in part by another, acquiring improper knowledge of the contents of an exam, using unauthorized material during an exam, submitting the same paper in two different courses without knowledge and consent of professors, or submitting a forged grade change slip or computer tampering. The faculty member has the authority to grant a failing grade in cases of academic misconduct as well as referring the case to Student Life.

PLAGIARISM

You are expected to submit your own work and to identify any portion of work that has been borrowed from others in any form. An ignorant act of plagiarism on final versions and minor projects, such as attributing or citing inadequately, will be considered a failure to master an essential course skill and will result in an F for that assignment. A deliberate act of

plagiarism, such as having someone else do your work, or submitting someone else's work as your own (e.g., from the Internet, fraternity file, etc., including homework and in-class exercises), will at least result in an F for that assignment and could result in an F for the course.

E-DEVICE POLICY

Use of electronic devices including smart watches and cell phones is prohibited during exams or quizzes unless directly allowed by the instructor.

COURSE CALENDAR/SCHEDULE:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: