

STANDARDIZED COURSE OUTLINE

SECTION I

SUBJECT AREA AND COURSE NUMBER: POL* G112

COURSE TITLE: State and Local Government

COURSE CATALOG DESCRIPTION: Explanation of the structure and workings of local governments in the United States. Emphasis will be placed on the efforts of state and local governments to cope with contemporary social, economic, and political problems.

LECTURE HOURS PER WEEK: 3

CREDIT HOURS: 3

PREREQUISITE: ENG 043

SECTION II

A. SCOPE: The course will introduce students to the structures and concerns of local and state governments today. Students will learn about the historical development, Constitutional foundations and limits, and particular problems of state and local governments.

B. REQUIRED WORK: To be determined by the instructor and described in the course syllabus, but may include reading quizzes, written assignments, class presentations or projects and regular examinations.

C. ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION: Regular attendance and class participation are expected. Policies specific to the instructor should be outlined in the class syllabus.

D. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION: The methods of instruction are determined by each instructor and may include but are not limited to: lecture, class or group discussion, collaborative learning, readings/interpretation of primary and secondary sources, distance learning, student presentations, and use of technologies including audio-visual materials, computers, and maps.

E: OBJECTIVES, OUTCOMES, and ASSESSMENT: The following objectives and outcomes represent the department's core requirements for student achievement:

LEARNING OBJECTIVES	LEARNING OUTCOMES	ASSESSMENT METHODS
To demonstrate an understanding of:	Students will:	As measured by:
The basic structure and responsibilities of state and local governments.	Identify and explain the various structures and concerns of state and local governments.	Regular class attendance and participation. Satisfactory completion of reading and written assignments. Satisfactory performance on projects, quizzes, and/or examinations.
The contemporary issues that pose a challenge to state and local governments.	Identify and explain the issues that most concern state and local governments today, and how they hope to address them.	Regular class attendance and participation. Satisfactory completion of reading and written assignments. Satisfactory performance on projects, quizzes, and/or examinations.
The theoretical and practical variables that shape and influence political structures and behaviors.	Develop critical thinking skills that will enhance the ability to increase information literacy and communicate effectively in writing.	Regular class attendance and participation. Satisfactory completion of reading and written assignments. Satisfactory performance on projects, quizzes, and/or examinations.
How state and local governments function within a historical and global political context.	Develop a historical and global perspective.	Regular class attendance and participation. Satisfactory completion of reading and written assignments. Satisfactory performance on projects, quizzes, and/or examinations.

F. TEXT(S) AND MATERIALS: To be determined by the instructor and described in the course syllabus.

G. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Access to audio-visual materials, computer-based presentations, and internet-based course management systems.