

PS 201 : INTRODUCTION TO US GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Transcript title

Intro US Government Politics

Credits

4

Grading mode

Standard letter grades

Total contact hours

40

Lecture hours

40

Recommended preparation

WR 121.

Course Description

Examines the American political system with its separation of powers, limited authority and guarantee of individual liberty. Includes a study of political ideology, parties, voting, media, and interest groups. Special emphasis will be placed on a detailed study of the Constitution and its application in today's America.

Course learning outcomes

1. Understand, analyze, and explain the basic themes of American government as expressed in the Constitution.
2. Understand, analyze, and explain the fundamental roots and sources of American democracy and the American political system.
3. Understand, analyze, and explain the relationship between political ideology, political parties, voting, public opinion, and special interest groups in the American political system.
4. Understand, analyze, and explain the constitutional relationship between the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government at the federal and state level with each other and the people of the United States.
5. Understand, analyze, and explain the concepts of individual liberties, majority rule with minority rights, equality, privacy, and limited government guaranteed in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.
6. Understand, examine, and explain contemporary political problems and debates in the American nation and the international community.
7. Understand the relationship between the citizen and the responsibilities of civic virtue and civic duty.

General education/Related instruction lists

- Social Science