| **PROFESSOR:** | **PHONE NUMBER:** |
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1. **COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE, CATALOG DESCRIPTION, CREDITS:**

**POS 2041 AMERICAN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT (3 CREDITS)**

This course is a study of the national government within the American federal system: its functions, processes, and contemporary problems of American political systems. Political parties, pressure groups, elections, Congress, the Presidency, and the Supreme Court are also discussed. This course fulfills the State civics requirement.

1. **PREREQUISITES FOR THIS COURSE:**

None

**CO-REQUISITES FOR THIS COURSE:**

None

1. **GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION:** Topic Outline.

• Conceptual frameworks for analysis of politics

• A definition of politics and its implications

• Elements of economic stability

• Status of ethnic and racial minorities

• Contrasting Ideologies

• Institutions and Process

• Symbolic politics and political change

1. **All courses at Florida SouthWestern State College contribute to the general education program by meeting one or more of the following general education competencies:**

**C**ommunicate clearly in a variety of modes and media.

**R**esearch and examine academic and non-academic information, resources, and evidence.

**E**valuate and utilize mathematical principles, technology, scientific and quantitative data.

**A**nalyze and create individual and collaborative works of art, literature, and performance.

**T**hink critically about questions to yield meaning and value.

**I**nvestigate and engage in the transdisciplinary applications of research, learning, and knowledge.

**V**isualize and engage the world from different historical, social, religious, and cultural approaches.

**E**ngage meanings of active citizenship in one’s community, nation, and the world.

**A.**  **General Education Competencies and Course Outcomes**

1. Listed here are the course outcomes/objectives assessed in this course which play an integral part in contributing to the student’s general education along with the general education competency it supports.

General Education Competency: **Think**

Course Outcomes or Objectives Supporting the General Education Competency Selected:

* Students will analyze contemporary political issues, within the context of the American constitutional democracy.

2.  Listed here are the course outcomes/objectives assessed in this course which play a supplemental role in contributing to the student’s general education along with the general education competency it supports.

General Education Competency: **Engage**

Course Outcomes or Objectives Supporting the General Education Competency Selected:

* Students will identify the major intervening factors involved in the struggle for the protection of Civil Rights in America.

**B(1).** **In accordance with Florida Statute 1007.25 concerning the state’s general education core course requirements, this course meets the general education competencies for Social Sciences.**

**B(2). In accordance with Florida Statute 1007.25 concerning the state’s requirement to demonstrate civics literacy, this course meets the learning outcomes.**

* An understanding of the basic principles and practices of American democracy and how they are applied in our republican form of government.
* An understanding of the United States Constitution.
* Knowledge of the founding documents and how they have shaped the nature and functions of our institutions of self-governance.
* An understanding of landmark Supreme Court cases, landmark legislation, and landmark executive actions, and their impact on law and society.

**C.** **Other Course Objectives/Standards**

* Students will demonstrate the capacity to think critically about political behavior from a global perspective.
* Students will demonstrate a clear understanding of political participation and of the civic duties of citizens in a democracy.
* Students will evaluate the current challenges of transnational issues as they pertain to American politics.

1. **DISTRICT-WIDE POLICIES:**

**Programs for Students with Disabilities**

Florida SouthWestern State College, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the College’s guiding principles, offers students with documented disabilities programs to equalize access to the educational process. Students needing to request an accommodation in this class due to a disability, or who suspect that their academic performance is affected by a disability should contact the Office of Adaptive Services at the nearest campus. The office locations and telephone numbers for the Office of Adaptive Services at each campus can be found at <http://www.fsw.edu/adaptiveservices>.

**REPORTING TITLE IX VIOLATIONS**

Florida SouthWestern State College, in accordance with Title IX and the Violence Against Women Act, has established a set of procedures for reporting and investigating Title IX violations including sexual misconduct.  Students who need to report an incident or need to receive support regarding an incident should contact the Equity Officer at [equity@fsw.edu](mailto:equity@fsw.edu).  Incoming students are encouraged to participate in the Sexual Violence Prevention training offered online.  Additional information and resources can be found on the College’s website at <http://www.fsw.edu/sexualassault>.

1. **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STUDENTS:**

List specific course assessments such as class participation, tests, homework assignments, make-up procedures, etc.

1. **ATTENDANCE POLICY:**

The professor’s specific policy concerning absence. (The College policy on attendance is in the Catalog, and defers to the professor.)

1. **GRADING POLICY:**

Include numerical ranges for letter grades; the following is a range commonly used by many faculty:

| 90 - 100 | = | A |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 80 - 89 | = | B |
| 70 - 79 | = | C |
| 60 - 69 | = | D |
| Below 60 | = | F |

(Note: The “incomplete” grade [“I”] should be given only when unusual circumstances warrant. An “incomplete” is not a substitute for a “D,” “F,” or “W.” Refer to the policy on “incomplete grades.)

1. **REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS:**

(In correct bibliographic format.)

1. **RESERVED MATERIALS FOR THE COURSE:**

Other special learning resources.

1. **CLASS SCHEDULE:**

This section includes assignments for each class meeting or unit, along with Library activities and other scheduled support, including scheduled tests.

1. **ANY OTHER INFORMATION OR CLASS PROCEDURES OR POLICIES:**

(Which would be useful to the students in the class.)