



COURSE OUTLINE : POL S 106

D Credit – Degree Applicable

COURSE ID 004144

Cyclical Review: May 2017

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COURSE DISCIPLINE : POL S

COURSE NUMBER : 106

COURSE TITLE (FULL) : American State And Local Government

COURSE TITLE (SHORT) : American State/Local Govt

ACADEMIC SENATE DISCIPLINE: Political Science

CATALOG DESCRIPTION

POL S 106 is a study of the origins, structures, and functions of California government and politics with emphasis on the state level, but including the city, county, and district levels.

CATALOG NOTES

Note: This course may not be taken for credit by students who have completed SOC S 132 or POL S 101 starting Spring 2014.

Total Lecture Units:1.00

Total Laboratory Units: 0.00

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Total Lecture Hours:18.00

Total Laboratory Hours: 0.00

Total Laboratory Hours To Be Arranged: 0.00

Total Contact Hours: 18.00

Total Out-of-Class Hours: 36.00

Recommended Preparation: ENGL 100 or ESL 141.



ENTRY STANDARDS

	Subject	Number	Title	Description	Include
1	ESL	141	Grammar And Writing IV	compose a 400 to 450-word thesis-based essay which:	Yes
2	ENGL	100	Writing Workshop	Read, analyze, and evaluate contemporary articles and stories to identify topic, thesis, support, transitions, conclusion, audience, and tone;	Yes

EXIT STANDARDS

- 1 contrast the constitutions of California, other states, and the federal government;
- 2 describe and evaluate the impact of federalism;
- 3 describe and evaluate the forces acting on state governments;
- 4 describe and evaluate local government in California;
- 5 summarize key problems facing the state.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

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COURSE CONTENT WITH INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS

	Description	Lecture	Lab	Total Hours
1	State Constitutions • California • Principles of federalism	2	0	2
2	Basis of Government • Suffrage • Nominations • Primaries • Elections • Political parties and politics • Direct legislation • Interest groups and lobbying	4	0	4



3	State Government • Branches of government • Legislative • Executive • Judicial • Administration • Administrative procedures • Taxation and finance • Personnel	2	0	2
4	County Government • Types • Functions • County officials	2	0	2
5	City Government • Types • Functions • City officials	2	0	2
6	Special Districts • Organization • Functions • Special district officials	2	0	2
7	Problems facing California • Patterns of population • Problems of future growth	2	0	2
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OUT OF CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

- 1 written assignment (e.g. analysis and summary of state, local, or educational issue as covered in a regional news publication);
- 2 group project (e.g. development of a ballot proposition).

METHODS OF EVALUATION

- 1 one to two one-hour examinations plus one comprehensive final examination requiring demonstration of course exit standards;
- 2 evaluation of class participation;
- 3 evaluation of in-class presentation.

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

- Lecture
- Laboratory
- Studio
- Discussion
- Multimedia



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- Tutorial
- Independent Study
- Collaboratory Learning
- Demonstration
- Field Activities (Trips)
- Guest Speakers
- Presentations

TEXTBOOKS

Title	Type	Publisher	Edition	Medium	Author	IBSN	Date
California Government and Politics Today		New York: Pearson	14		Field, Mona	978- 020525178 0	2012