

**Clackamas Community College**

## Online Course/Outline Submission System

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**Section #1 General Course Information****Department:**Social Sciences**Submitter**

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**Course Prefix and Number:**PS - 201

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**# Credits:**4**Contact hours**

Lecture (# of hours): 44

Lec/lab (# of hours):

Lab (# of hours):

Total course hours: 44

For each credit, the student will be expected to spend, on average, 3 hours per week in combination of in-class and out-of-class activity.

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**Course Title:**American Government and Politics**Course Description:**

Examines the founding principles of the American government: the Constitution, the separation of powers, and the three branches of government. Explores political parties and elections, the growing power of the executive branch, the expansion and reach of the federal bureaucracy, governmental policies, the civil liberties and civil rights of American citizens, and the role of the media in American politics.

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**Type of Course:**Lower Division Collegiate

Is this class challengeable?

**Yes**

Can this course be repeated for credit in a degree?

**No**

Is general education certification being sought at this time?

**Yes**

**Check which General Education requirement:**

**✓ Social Science**

Is this course part of an AAS or related certificate of completion?

**No**

Are there prerequisites to this course?

**No**

Are there corequisites to this course?

**No**

Are there any requirements or recommendations for students taken this course?

**Yes**

**Recommendations:**Pass RD-090 or placement in RD-115

**Requirements:**None

Are there similar courses existing in other programs or disciplines at CCC?

**No**

Will this class use library resources?

**No**

Is there any other potential impact on another department?

**No**

Does this course belong on the Related Instruction list?

**No**

**GRADING METHOD:**

A-F or Pass/No Pass

**Audit:Yes**

When do you plan to offer this course?

- ✓ Fall
- ✓ Winter
- ✓ Spring
- ✓ Not every term

Is this course equivalent to another?

If yes, they must have the same description and outcomes.

**No**

Will this course appear in the college catalog?

**Yes**

Will this course appear in the schedule?

**Yes**

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. identify the concepts on which the Constitution is based and the essential purpose of the presidency, the Congress, the Supreme Court and the federal bureaucracy; (SS2)
  2. summarize the essential duties of each branch of the U.S. government, (SS2)
  3. identify key issues and difficulties related to the process of governing, (AL2) (SS1) (SS2)
  4. identify key socioeconomic factors that affect political identity and behavior, (AL2) (SS1) (SS2)
  5. describe the process of elections, (SS2)
  6. explain key issues and problems regarding civil rights and civil liberties, (AL2)(SS1) (SS2)
  7. explain the role of political parties in the U.S. political system, (AL2) (SS2)
  8. describe the fundamentals of public policy. (SS2)
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**AAOT/ASOT GENERAL EDUCATION OUTCOMES  
COURSE OUTLINE MAPPING CHART**

**Mark outcomes addressed by the course:**

- Mark "C" if this course completely addresses the outcome. Students who successfully complete this course are likely to have attained this learning outcome.
- Mark "S" if this course substantially addresses the outcome. More than one course is required for the outcome to be completely addressed. Students who successfully complete all of the required courses are likely to have attained this learning outcome.
- Mark "P" if this course partially addresses the outcome. Students will have been exposed to the outcome as part of the class, but the class is not a primary means for attaining the outcome and assessment for general education purposes may not be necessary.

***As a result of completing the AAOT/ASOT general education requirements, students will be able to:***

**WR: Writing Outcomes**

1. Read actively, think critically, and write purposefully and capably for academic and, in some cases, professional audiences.
2. Locate, evaluate, and ethically utilize information to communicate effectively.

- P** 3. Demonstrate appropriate reasoning in response to complex issues.

**SP: Speech/Oral Communication Outcomes**

1. Engage in ethical communication processes that accomplish goals.
2. Respond to the needs of diverse audiences and contexts.
3. Build and manage relationships.

**MA: Mathematics Outcomes:**

1. Use appropriate mathematics to solve problems.
2. Recognize which mathematical concepts are applicable to a scenario, apply appropriate mathematics and technology in its analysis, and then accurately interpret, validate, and communicate the results.

**AL: Arts and Letters Outcomes**

1. Interpret and engage in the Arts & Letters, making use of the creative process to enrich the quality of life.
- S** 2. Critically analyze values and ethics within range of human experience and expression to engage more fully in local and global issues.

**SS: Social Science Outcomes**

1. Apply analytical skills to social phenomena in order to understand human behavior.
- S** 2. Apply knowledge and experience to foster personal growth and better appreciate the diverse social world in which we live.

**SC: Science or Computer Science Outcomes**

1. Gather, comprehend, and communicate scientific and technical information in order to explore ideas, models, and solutions and generate further questions.
2. Apply scientific and technical modes of inquiry, individually, and collaboratively, to critically examine the influence of scientific and technical knowledge on human society and the environment.

3. Assess the strengths and weaknesses of scientific studies and critically examine the influence of scientific and technical knowledge on human society and the environment.

**CL: Cultural Literacy Outcome**

1. Identify and analyze complex practices, values, and beliefs and the culturally and historically defined meanings of difference.

**Outcomes Assessment Strategies:**

- ✓ **General Examination**
- ✓ **Presentations**
- ✓ **Rubrics**
- ✓ **Projects**
- ✓ **Writing Assignments**
- ✓ **Multiple Choice Test**

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**Major Topic Outline:**

1. Introduction to Government and Politics.
2. Political Culture and Democracy.
3. The Articles of Confederation.
4. The Constitution and Federalism.
5. Civil Liberties.
6. Civil Rights.
7. Political Socialization.
8. Public Opinion.
9. Participation and Voting.
10. Political Parties.
11. Elections.
12. Interest Groups.
13. Role of the Media.
14. Congress.
15. The Executive and The Federal Bureaucracy.
16. The Judiciary.
17. Public Policy: What Governments Do.

**Does the content of this class relate to job skills in any of the following areas:**

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|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Increased energy efficiency       | <b>No</b> |
| 2. Produce renewable energy          | <b>No</b> |
| 3. Prevent environmental degradation | <b>No</b> |
| 4. Clean up natural environment      | <b>No</b> |
| 5. Supports green services           | <b>No</b> |

Percent of course:0%

**Section #2 Course Transferability**

Concern over students taking many courses that do not have a high transfer value has led to increasing attention to the transferability of LDC courses. The state currently requires us to certify that at least one OUS school will accept a new LDC course in transfer. Faculty should communicate with colleagues at one or more OUS schools to ascertain how the course will transfer by answering these questions.

1. Is there an equivalent lower division course at the University?

2. Will a department accept the course for its major or minor requirements?
3. Will the course be accepted as part of the University's distribution requirements?

If a course transfers as an elective only, it may still be accepted or approved as an LDC course, depending on the nature of the course, though it will likely not be eligible for Gen Ed status.

Which OUS schools will the course transfer to? (Check all that apply)

**PSU (Portland State University)**

**OSU (Oregon State University)**  **UO (University of Oregon)**  
 **WOU (Western Oregon University)**

Identify comparable course(s) at OUS school(s)

Existing course; equivalent to PS 201 at OSU, WOU, and U of O. The PSU equivalent is PS 101 and PS 102 combined

How does it transfer? (Check all that apply)

- required or support for major**
- general education or distribution requirement**
- general elective**

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Provide evidence of transferability: (minimum one, more preferred)

**Other. Please explain.**

catalog comparison

First term to be offered:

**Next available term after approval**

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