

I. COURSE INFORMATION

- A. Political Science 111 American Government
- B. 3 credit hours
- C. Krutz, Glen and Sylvie Waskiewicz. *American Government*. 3rd ed. Texas: OpenStax, 2021
- D. Prerequisites: None
- E. KRSN: POL 1020 American Government

The learning outcomes and competencies detailed in this course outline or syllabus meet or exceed the learning outcomes and competencies specified by the Kansas Core Outcomes Groups project for this course as approved by the Kansas Board of Regents.

II. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This introductory course in American Government is intended to familiarize students with the structure, organization, powers, and functions of the three branches of the national government. The course will also deal with individual participation in government through public opinion, elections, and political organizations.

III. LEARNING OUTCOMES

- A. Identify, distinguish, and analyze the roles, powers, and relationships among the 3 branches of government (legislative/judicial/executive)
- B. Identify forms of political participation, differentiate among organizations engaged in elections, and analyze participation in US democracy
- C. Understand and analyze how policy decisions are made and the impact of policy on the public
- D. Explain the origins and the evolution of United States Constitutional Democracy

IV. MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

- A. The American system
- B. Civil rights and liberties
- C. People and politics
- D. Political institutions
- E. Public policy

V. ASSIGNMENTS (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Reading assignments
- B. Writing assignments
- C. Discussions
- D. Presentations
- E. Quizzes and exams

VI. EVALUATION METHODS (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Attendance and participation
- B. Assignments
- C. Quizzes and exams