

**I. COURSE INFORMATION**

- A. Political Science 130 State and Local Government
- B. 3 credit hours
- C. Bowman, Ann and Richard Kearney. *State and Local Government*. 10<sup>th</sup> ed. Kentucky: Cengage, 2017
- D. Prerequisites: None
- E. KRSN: POL 2020 State & Local 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 course reviews state, county, municipal, and special district governments, surveying the various systems used in the United States.

**III. LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- A. Analyze the complex relations of state and local institutions within the U.S. Constitutional systems of federalism and separation of powers
- B. Describe the policymaking mechanics and functions performed at the state and local government levels
- C. Contrast aspects of state and local governments, such as their scope, boundaries of authority, and possibilities for citizen participation
- D. Assess the provision, implementation and evaluation of services to the public, including how administration is affected by the balance of power between state and local governments
- E. Evaluate the ways in which local and state officials are elected or appointed

**IV. MAJOR CONTENT AREAS**

- A. Federalism
- B. Structure, leadership, and organizations
- C. Elections
- D. Public policy

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

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

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

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