

**I. COURSE INFORMATION**

- A. POL 225 Introduction to Political Science
- B. 3 credit hours
- C. Dooley, Kevin and Joseph Patten. *Why Politics Matters: An Introduction to Political Science*. 1<sup>st</sup> ed. Kentucky: Cengage, 2013
- D. Prerequisites: none
- E. KRSN: POL 1010 Introduction to Political Science

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 is intended to provide students with a basic understanding of political science and to serve as an introduction to the theory of politics, government, and administration. It will compare governmental systems, institutions, ideologies and participation among nations and states.

**III. LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- A. Exhibit an understanding of the meaning of politics
- B. Explain the role of political systems in society
- C. Explain the nature and purpose of political science as a discipline
- D. Differentiate between the various sub-fields of political science
- E. Understand the ideas and concepts that shape the study of political science

**IV. MAJOR CONTENT AREAS**

- A. Political Theory/ specialization of Political Science fields
- B. Political interactions
- C. Political institutions
- D. What political systems do

**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 participations
- B. Assignments
- C. Essays and papers
- D. Quizzes and exams