

**Eastern WV Community & Technical College
Master Course Record**

Course Prefix and Number: POL 201
Course Title: American Government and Politics
Recommended Transcript Title: American Government and Politics
Date Approved/Revised: 12/19/06; 10/5/17
Credit Hours: 3 Contact hours per week (Based on 15 week term) Lecture: 3 Lab:
Prerequisite: ENL 100 OR minimum acceptable test scores for placement in college level English, reading or math courses. ENL 101 is highly recommended but not required. Corequisite: None Pre/Corequisite: None
Grading Mode: Letter Grade
Catalog Description: Examines the United States federal government system with an emphasis on the constitution, government structure, and the political process.
Course Outcomes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List and discuss the three branches of government. 2. Discuss the difference between constitutional law and civil liberties. 3. Analyze political terms, including liberalism, conservatism, federalism, democracy, feminism, etc. 4. Explain the importance of America's colonial history in its modern challenges. 5. Describe different ethnic and cultural groups within the United States. 6. Understand the importance of foreign policy in government decisions. 7. Describe fiscal and monetary policy differences, including the national debt and states' revenue sources. 8. Discuss the importance of political parties and interest groups. 9. Discuss mass-media political functions. 10. Explain public opinion.
Implementation Cycle: Fall/Spring
Role in College Curriculum: (Check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Education Core (Specify category) – Social Science <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Core (Specify Program) <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted Elective (Specify program) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce Education <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify)
Course Fee: None
Instructor's Qualifications: Master's Degree or a minimum of 18 graduate credit hours in political science.

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Date Prepared: /Revised: 12/11/06; 10/5/17

Date Course Approved by Curriculum Committee: 10/5/17

Date Course Approved by LOT: 12/19/06; 10/16/17

Expanded Course Description:

This course is a survey of national government and the political process in the United States with an emphasis on the notion of compromise in American government and politics.

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