

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

Course Prefix and Number: POL 202
Course Title: State and Local Government
Recommended Transcript Title: State and Local Government
Date Approved/Revised: 9/16/13; 10/5/17
Credit Hours: 3 Contact hours per week : Lecture: 3 Lab:
Prerequisite: ENL 100 or minimum acceptable test scores for placement in college-level English. ENL 101 is highly recommended. Corequisite: None Pre/Corequisite: None
Grading Mode: Letter
Catalog Description: Examines the institutions, processes and significance of state and local government.
Course Outcomes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Define and discuss the following major political science concepts: systems of government, federalism, constitutional reform, functions of legislature, impeachment, redistricting. 2. Explain how state and local governments are directly involved in our daily lives, including the allocation of taxes, city management, and the selection of judges. 3. Summarize how fiscal stress, inter-jurisdictional competition, and political corruption affect states and localities, including the important actors in the budgetary process. 4. Summarize the power of the veto in the legislative process. 5. Understand how political parties, incumbency, interest groups, and lobbies all affect switches in power in state and local politics. 6. List the duties of governors. 7. Analyze the role of affirmative action in the hiring process for state and local government positions. 8. Define the function of appellate and trial courts. 9. List the three types of state-local organizations. 10. Compare and contrast the four waves of approaches and strategies to economic development in state governments. 11. Explain how state and local governments along with the education establishment largely determine policy development and outcomes. 12. Discuss the state, local, and federal relationship that must occur to implement laws. 13. Discuss the ethical component of varied state responses to capital punishment, victimless crimes, and abortion.
Implementation Cycle: Fall

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Role in College Curriculum: X General Education Core: Social Science Technical Core (Specify Program) Restricted Elective (Specify Program) General Elective Workforce Education Other (Please specify)
Course Fee: None
Instructor's Qualifications: Master's degree or 18 graduate credit hours in the discipline.
Expanded Course Description: Assignments will include discussions, readings, outside research and essays. Quizzes and tests will be scheduled.

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8/9/13

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