

POS-POLITICAL SCIENCE

POS 2041 American National Government (3 Credits)

In this course, students will investigate how the national government is structured and how the American constitutional republic operates. It covers the philosophical and historical foundations of American government, including but not limited to the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution and all its amendments, and The Federalist Papers. The course examines the branches of government and the government's laws, policies, and programs. It also examines the ways in which citizens participate in their government and ways their government responds to citizens. Student Learning Outcomes: - Students will demonstrate an understanding of the basic principles and practices of America's constitutional republic. -Students will demonstrate knowledge of the nation's founding documents, including the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and its amendments, and The Federalist Papers. -Students will demonstrate knowledge of landmark U.S. Supreme Court cases, landmark legislation, and landmark executive actions. -Students will demonstrate knowledge of the history and development of the American federal government and its impact on law and society. -Students will demonstrate an ability to apply course material to contemporary political issues and debates. -Students will demonstrate the ability to engage in discussion and civil debate on American politics that are associated with multiple points of view.

Prerequisite: C or higher in ENC 1101 or documented consent of instructor

Civic Literacy, General Education, Gordon Rule Writing, Area III: Soc & Behavioral Sci