

COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE OUTLINE

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A. Identification:

1. Subject Area: Political Science
2. Course Number: POS 101
3. Course Title: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICS
4. Credit Hrs: 3
5. Catalog Description:

Issues in contemporary political analysis, human values and political goals; how governments differ and change; relationship between individual and government; how nation-states influence one another. General Education: Social and Behavioral Sciences. Three lecture.

B. Course Goals:

The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to the concepts of politics, political activities, and political systems. This course is intended to provide the necessary foundation for advanced courses in political science.

C. Course Outcomes:

Students will:

1. Describe and explain the nature of politics and political power
2. Describe, explain, and contrast the major political ideologies
3. Describe, explain and compare different political structures and institutional arrangements and how they relate to the functions assigned them.
4. Explain the relationship between politics and economics
5. Describe and explain how political systems change

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D. Course Outcomes Assessment:

Will include:

1. Presentation or discussion of listed outcomes in clear written or oral form

D. Course Content:

Will include:

Course content will include, but not necessarily be limited to:

1. The nature of politics and power
2. The relationship between the individual and government
 - a. Political socialization
 - b. Political behavior
3. The relationship between human values and the political system
 - a. political ideologies
4. Political structure and institutional arrangements
 - a. Functions and branches of government
 - b. Democratic and non-democratic arrangements
5. Political economies
 - a. Market economies
 - b. Command economies
6. How political systems change
 - a. Political change
 - b. Political development
 - c. revolutions
7. The concept of the nation-state and how nation-states interact
 - a. Mechanisms of cooperation
 - b. Mechanisms of competition