

COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE OUTLINE

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A. Identification:

1. Subject Area: Political Science
2. Course Number: POS 110
3. Course Title: AMERICAN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT
4. Credit Hrs: 3
5. Catalog Description:

Introduction to the American national government; constitutional and philosophical foundations, federalism, structure and evolution of the federal government, and recent trends and issues in the federal government. General Education: Social and Behavioral Sciences. Three lecture.

B. Course Goals:

Students will develop a knowledge of constitutions, federalism and democracy and how these are developed in the American context. Students will also establish an understanding of the institutions of the federal government and the forces, internal as well as external, that act upon them in the development of policy.

C. Course Outcomes:

Students will:

1. Explain constitutions, federalism and their relationship to the American political system
2. Describe, explain, interpret, compare and appraise the major theories of democracy
3. Describe the institutions of government, their functions, and the interaction between them
4. Describe how policy is formulated and the influences on that formation, as well as how a citizen may influence policy formation
5. Describe and explain political organizations, their purposes and their actions
6. Interpret the process and meaning of elections and campaigns

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D. Course Outcomes Assessment:

Will include:

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

E. Course Content:

Will include:

Content will include but not necessarily be limited to:

1. Constitutions and constitutionalism
2. Democracy and civil rights
 - a. theories of democracy
 - b. civil rights and liberties under the constitution
3. Federalism
4. Institutions of government
 - a. Congress
 - b. Executive
 - c. judicial system
 - d. bureaucracy
5. Policy process
6. Political organizations
 - a. political parties
 - b. interest groups

7. Public opinion and citizen participation
8. Elections and campaigns
Role of media