

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE
SYLLABUS

POS 130 STATE AND LOCAL POLITICS/GE

Credit Hours: 3 Lec 3COURSE DESCRIPTION

General survey of city, county, and state governments; structures, services, and problems. This class meets state constitution requirements for teacher certification in Arizona.

1. COURSE GOALS

- 1.1 Review the history and present day realities of state, county, and municipal government in the United States
- 1.2 Explore constitutional and statutory law at the state level, particularly in Arizona
- 1.3 Explain how government actually functions in relation to the individual at the state and local levels

2. OUTCOMES

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 2.1 review the history of Arizona from prehistoric times to the present.
- 2.2 examine the structure of state and local government with particular attention to the executive, legislative, and judicial branches, as well as the autonomous agencies and commissions.
- 2.3 discuss the legislative, legal, and budgetary processes of state and local government.
- 2.4 discuss the functions of state and local government.
- 2.5 examine the political and social environment in which state and local governments operate, with attention to the role of political parties and interest groups.

3. AWC GENERAL EDUCATION (GE) CATEGORY & CRITERIA
INSTITUTIONS IN THE AMERICAS

- The importance of developing civic and global engagement and participation as evidenced by: respectful dialogue, intercultural competence, self-awareness, civic identity, consideration of multiple perspectives
- The major religious or spiritual doctrines, philosophies and communities that helped shape culture and policies
- The multifaceted history European colonialism and imperialism and their effects, including diasporas, enslavement, war, and genocide, within North America and globally
- The importance of exploring ethics and how it applies to public policy and professional decision making

4. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

- 4.1 Lectures
- 4.2 Readings
- 4.3 Discussions
- 4.4 Instructional technology

5. LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- 5.1 Reading assignments
- 5.2 Group discussion
- 5.3 Classroom presentations

6. EVALUATION

- 6.1 Quizzes and exams
- 6.2 Essay assignments
- 6.3 Oral presentations
- 6.4 Participation

7. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- 7.1 Under AWC Policy, students are expected to attend every session of class in which they are enrolled.
- 7.2 If a student is unable to attend the course or must drop the course for any reason, it will be the responsibility of the student to withdraw from the course. Students who are not attending as of the 45th day of the course may be withdrawn by the instructor. If the student does not withdraw from the course and fails to complete the requirements of the course, the student will receive a failing grade.
- 7.3 Americans with Disabilities Act Accommodations: Arizona Western College provides academic accommodations to students with disabilities through AccessABILITY Resource Services (ARS). ARS provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations to students who have documented disabilities. It is the responsibility of the student to make the ARS Coordinator aware of the need for accommodations in the classroom prior to the beginning of the semester. Students should follow up with their instructors once the semester begins. To make an appointment call the ARS front desk at (928) 344-7674 or ARS Coordinator at (928) 344-7629, in the College Community Center (3C) building, next to Advising.
- 7.4 Academic Integrity: Any student participating in acts of academic dishonesty—including, but not limited to, copying the work of other students, using unauthorized “crib notes”, plagiarism, stealing tests, or forging an instructor’s signature—will be subject to the procedures and consequences outlined in AWC’s Student Code of Conduct.
- 7.5 Texts and Notebooks: Students are required to obtain the class materials for the course.
- 7.6 Arizona Western College students are expected to attend every class session in which they are enrolled. To comply with Federal Financial Aid regulations (34 CFR 668.21), Arizona Western College (AWC) has established an Attendance Verification process for “No Show” reporting during the first 10 days of each semester.
 Students who have enrolled but have never attended class may be issued a “No Show” (NS) grade by the professor or instructor and receive a final grade of “NS” on their official academic record. An NS grade may result in a student losing their federal financial aid.
 For online classes, *student attendance in an online class is defined as the following* (FSA Handbook, 2012, 5-90):
 - Submitting an academic assignment
 - Taking an exam, an interactive tutorial or computer-assisted instruction
 - Attending a study group that is assigned by the school
 - Participating in an online discussion about academic matters
 - Initiating contact with a faculty member to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course