

POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

POLS 101 ~INTRO TO POLITICAL SCIENCE	3 Credit Hours
Introduction to government, origin, forms, and functions of the state, organization and forms of government, and the relations of groups and individuals to the state. Taught generally on a comparative basis. (3 lecture)	
POLS 102 ~AMERICAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	3 Credit Hours
A survey course dealing with all aspects of our system of government with emphasis on the constitution, the federal system, civil rights, the three branches of government, and foreign policy. (3 lecture)	
POLS 211 FUNCTIONS OF DEMOCRATIC GOV	3 Credit Hours
Course deals primarily with the activities of the executive branch of the government, particularly as they relate to social and economic development and expansion of government activities and services since 1932. (3 lecture)	
POLS 220 STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	3 Credit Hours
Politics and policy at the state and local level in the American political system. Areas for study include constitutional, cultural, and financial constraints on state and local politics; community power structures; state legislatures; governors and other elected executives; and judicial elected institutions. (3 lecture)	
POLS 225 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW	3 Credit Hours
Constitutional law is concerned primarily with the exercise of judicial review. The focus is on the manner in which the courts generally have interpreted the cryptic provisions of the US Constitution. Emphasis on the principles, doctrines and rules developed in the cases and the underlying policies and values. (3 lecture)	
POLS 256 WV LEGISLATIVE PROCESS	2 Credit Hours
Organization, operation and function of the West Virginia Legislature; direct learning experience through frequent visits to the Legislature including intensive internship week at the Capitol. (Prerequisite departmental approval). (2 lecture)	
POLS 293 COOPERATIVE EDUCATION	1-6 Credit Hours
POLS 297 SPECIAL TOPICS	1-3 Credit Hours
POLS 299 Independent Study	1-3 Credit Hours
POLS 310 AMERICAN PRESIDENCY	3 Credit Hours
This course surveys the literature on the American Presidency with particular attention to its historical and institutional development. It examines the constitutional foundations of the office, the method of election and removal, the President's role as chief executive and administrative head, the nature and extent of executive prerogative, and the dimensions of presidential leadership. (3 lecture)	
POLS 397 SPECIAL TOPICS	1-6 Credit Hours
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