

# Course Outcome Guide (COG)

| <b>Course:</b>   | POLS 115: American Government  | <b>Credits:</b>  | 3   | <b>Faculty:</b>  | Richard Stenberg   |
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| <b>Course Description:</b>   | Introduction to political science through the study of the American political system. The United States Constitution, the political processes, governmental structure and powers of the Presidency, Congress and the Judiciary will be examined.   |  |   |  |  |
| Concepts and Issues  | Process Skills   | Assessment Tasks   | Intended Outcomes   |  |  |
|  |  |  | Course  | General Education or Program   | Institutional  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundations of American Government</li> <li>• Role of the Govt in the Economy</li> <li>• Contemporary Political Ideologies</li> <li>• The US Constitution</li> <li>• Federalism</li> <li>• Congress</li> <li>• Presidency</li> <li>• Campaign &amp; Elections</li> <li>• Political Parties &amp; Interest Groups</li> <li>• National Court System</li> <li>• Civil Liberties</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify that diversity exists in the political process</li> <li>• Distinguish the role 18th Enlightenment had on the founding documents of the United States</li> <li>• Describe how the Constitution is amended and the other means of constitutional change</li> <li>• Recognize Political Ideologies</li> <li>• Discuss what is Federalism</li> <li>• Describe the Legislative Process</li> <li>• Recognize the role of political parties</li> <li>• Describe how the Electoral College elects the President</li> <li>• Relate how campaigns &amp; their financing occur during election cycles.</li> <li>• Describe the Criminal Procedure</li> <li>• Understand the role of the Citizenry in the</li> </ul> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Participate in Class discussions</li> <li>2. Complete class quizzes.</li> <li>3. Complete Unit examinations</li> <li>4. Complete textbook reading assignments.</li> <li>5. Out of class field project</li> </ol> | <p>Describe the major political institutions in the United States &amp; how they were created in the Constitutional Convention</p> <p>Discuss the political process, parties &amp; ideologies work &amp; their role as citizens in the system</p> <p>3 Students will demonstrate college-level writing and critical thinking skills</p> | <p>Students will demonstrate effective communication skills.</p> <p>Students will demonstrate knowledge of diverse cultures and value systems.</p> | <p>Students will demonstrate effective communication skills.</p> <p>Students will demonstrate knowledge of diverse cultures and value systems.</p> |

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|  | <p>American Political System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Utilize both internet and other electronic sources along with tradition libraries for research.</li></ul> |  |  |  |  |
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