



Course Name: State and Local Government

Course Number: POL*112

Credits: 3

Catalog description:

This course examines the role, functions, and processes of state and local governments with an emphasis on the diversity and revitalization of state governments as key factors in addressing public policy issues. This course draws heavily from ongoing events in state governments particularly in Connecticut to identify the key problems facing states and localities.

Prerequisite: ENG*E101 - Composition

General Education Competencies Satisfied:

- **HCC General Education Requirement Designated Competency Attribute Code(s):** None
- **Additional CSCU General Education Requirements for CSCU Transfer Degree Programs:** None
- **Embedded Competency(ies):** None
- **Discipline-Specific Attribute Code(s):** SSCI Social Science elective

Course objectives:

Course Specific Objectives:

1. Acquire a basic understanding of core institutions in local and state government.
2. Acquire a familiarity and understanding of the dynamics of students' own local governments.
3. Understand and explain the role and functions of state and local political offices.
4. Understand and explain how public policy is formulated at the local and state levels.
5. Understand and explain federalism the dynamics and issues between state governments and the federal government.

Course Content:

1. Federalism
2. State constitutions
3. Citizen participation and elections
4. Political parties
5. Interest groups
6. State legislatures
7. Governors
8. The judiciary
9. Public administration and budgeting
10. Taxation
11. Local politics