

# POLS1120 - American National Government

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| Credits:           | 3 (3/0/0)  |
| Description:       | Meets MnTC Goal Areas 5 and 9. This course provides an analysis of the organization, institutions and functions of the United States government.   |
| Prerequisites:     |  |
| Corequisites:      |  |
| Pre/Corequisites*: |  |
| Competencies:      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Summarize inter- and intra-government relationships (federalism) between states and the federal government.</li> <li>2. Examine the structural, theoretical and political contexts in which the Constitution was written.</li> <li>3. Explore the methods and procedures by which campaigns and elections are conducted for federal offices.</li> <li>4. Compare legislative, executive and judicial processes, procedures and powers of the federal government.</li> <li>5. Describe the roles of interest groups in the policy-making process.</li> <li>6. Examine the influence of political opinion on governmental systems in the United States.</li> <li>7. Explain theories, practices and roles of bureaucratic systems in the federal government.</li> <li>8. Describe the role of the mass media in shaping and informing public opinion and the policy-making process.</li> <li>9. Explain the structure and function of political party organizations.</li> <li>10. Assess the importance of citizen participation in American politics.</li> <li>11. Explore how political culture has influenced governmental institutions and political behavior in the United States.</li> </ol> |
| MnTC goal areas:   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences</li> <li>9. Ethical and Civic Responsibility</li> </ol>   |

\*Can be taking as a Prerequisite or Corequisite.