

# POLS1130 - State and Local Government

Credits:	3 (3/0/0)
Description:	Meets MnTC Goal Areas 5 and 9. This course provides an analysis of the organization, procedure and functions of state and local governments and their relationship with the national government.
Prerequisites:	
Corequisites:	
Pre/Corequisites*:	
Competencies:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Explain how alternative explanations of federalism account for the relationship between the states and the federal government.</li> <li>2. Explain the importance of political opinion, party organization and public participation in the context of state and local governments.</li> <li>3. Examine the structural and political contexts in which state governments operate, with special attention given to the role and purpose of state constitutions.</li> <li>4. Explore the methods and procedures by which campaigns are conducted in states and localities.</li> <li>5. Compare legislative processes and procedures of state governments.</li> <li>6. Compare executive powers of state governments.</li> <li>7. Compare judicial processes, procedures and powers of state governments.</li> <li>8. Examine the role of local governments, including their legal and political relationships with state governments.</li> <li>9. Explain theories, practices and roles of bureaucratic systems in local and state jurisdictions.</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.