

Course Goals:

The course goals are for students to think critically and analytically about politics and political issues over the next few months as we try to make sense of a system that is over 200 years old and a political world that is tremendously complex.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Student Learning Outcome #1: Students will be able to describe American and California government and institutions.

Student Learning Outcome #2: Students will be able to analyze the American and California government, institutions, and policymaking process, as well as the impact of each on society.

Student Learning Outcome #3: Students will be able to list, compare, and analyze the various aspects of policy making that occurs within American and California government and institutions as they encounter both in their daily lives.

Student Learning Outcome #4: Students will be able to analyze course -related material with their own thoughts concerning current issues in public administration.

*All student learning outcomes are measured by writing assignments.

GE Learning Outcomes: (GE Area D2: American Government)

GE Area D2 Student Learning Outcome#1: Explain the structure of the governments of the United States of America and the State of California.

GE Area D2 Student Learning Outcome#2: Recognize the major political philosophies regarding the role of government articulated in current political discourse.

GE Area D2 Student Learning Outcome#3: Assess the meaning of representation in a democratic system of government and the pathways through which citizens may seek representation.

GE Program ePortfolio Requirement: (GE Area D2: American Government)

Reflection Paper II: GE Area D2 Student Learning Outcome 2.

Course Requirements/Assignments:

This course will take place entirely online through Blackboard, which means that you need to know how to navigate Blackboard to find important course materials.

You will need these to complete the course: