



SYLLABUS TEMPLATE

Course Number	POLS 2160
Course Name	State and Local Government
Credit Value (Breakdown of theory and lab credits)	3 Theory
Catalog Course Description	This class is an introductory course designed to familiarize students with the institutions, politics, and policies of state and local governments in the United States. An underlying assumption of this course is that states and localities are the center of a stable and viable democracy. As such, a major objective of the course is the empowerment of each student through knowledge; that is, to provide students with the understanding, analytical and political skills, and motivation to become an active and knowledgeable part of state and local government and politics. The problems addressed at the state and local levels are usually highly contentious and controversial because they hit people close to their homes. Through this class, students will learn how to become effective solvers of those problems.
Student Learning Outcomes/Objectives /Competencies of the Course	By the end of the course, students will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the institutions, politics, and policies of state and local governments in the United States. 2. Demonstrate the understanding, analytical and political skills regarding local government and politics. 3. Analyze the social and economic problems addressed at the state and local levels 4. Discuss highly contentious and controversial local problems and social policies designed to address them.
College-Wide Student Learning Outcomes	POLS 2160 learning objectives align with the following NNMC College Wide Goals: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communication (SLOs 1, and 4) 2. Critical Thought (SLO 3) 3. Information Literacy (SLO 2)