POLS1120 - American National Government

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:	
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Competencies:	1. Summarize inter- and intra-government relationships (federalism) between states and the federal government. 2. Examine the structural, theoretical and political contexts in which the Constitution was written. 3. Explore the methods and procedures by which campaigns and elections are conducted for federal offices. 4. Compare legislative, executive and judicial processes, procedures and powers of the federal government. 5. Describe the roles of interest groups in the policy-making process. 6. Examine the influence of political opinion on governmental systems in the United States. 7. Explain theories, practices and roles of bureaucratic systems in the federal government. 8. Describe the role of the mass media in shaping and informing public opinion and the policy-making process. 9. Explain the structure and function of political party organizations. 10. Assess the importance of citizen participation in American politics. 11. Explore how political culture has influenced governmental institutions and political behavior in the United States.
MnTC goal areas:	5. History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences 9. Ethical and Civic Responsibility

**Can be taking as a Prerequisite or Corequisite.*

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