

## 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:	
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Competencies:	<ol> <li>Explain how alternative explanations of federalism account for the relationship between the states and the federal government.</li> <li>Explain the importance of political opinion, party organization and public participation in the context of state and local governments.</li> <li>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>Explore the methods and procedures by which campaigns are conducted in states and localities.</li> <li>Compare legislative processes and procedures of state governments.</li> <li>Compare executive powers of state governments.</li> <li>Compare judicial processes, procedures and powers of state governments.</li> <li>Examine the role of local governments, including their legal and political relationships with state governments.</li> <li>Explain theories, practices and roles of bureaucratic systems in local and state jurisdictions.</li> </ol>
MnTC goal areas:	5. History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences 9. Ethical and Civic Responsibility

<sup>\*</sup>Can be taking as a Prerequisite or Corequisite.