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:	1. Explain how alternative explanations of federalism account for the relationship between the states and the federal government. 2. Explain the importance of political opinion, party organization and public participation in the context of state and local governments. 3. Examine the structural and political contexts in which state governments operate, with special attention given to the role and purpose of state constitutions. 4. Explore the methods and procedures by which campaigns are conducted in states and localities. 5. Compare legislative processes and procedures of state governments. 6. Compare executive powers of state governments. 7. Compare judicial processes, procedures and powers of state governments. 8. Examine the role of local governments, including their legal and political relationships with state governments. 9. Explain theories, practices and roles of bureaucratic systems in local and state jurisdictions.
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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