



# CHIPOLA COLLEGE

## COURSE SYLLABUS

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**COURSE TITLE:**

State and Local Government

**COURSE NUMBER:**

POS 2112

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION (with prerequisites):**

A study of the organization, the functions, and the operations of state and local governments in the United States. Particular attention is given to state, county and city government in Florida. This course is designed to be as practical as possible and includes actual participation of county and city officials. POS 2041 is not a prerequisite, but is recommended. 3 semester hours credit.

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**EFFECTIVE ACADEMIC YEAR:**

2023-2024

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**REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:**

Dye, Thomas R, and Susan A. MacManus. *Politics in States and Communities*. 15<sup>th</sup> ed. Pearson, 2015. ISBN: 9780205994724 (paperback); ISBN: 9780205994861 (eBook).

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**GRADING POLICY:**

The standing of a student in each course is expressed by one of the following letters and corresponding grading system:

**A – 90 – 100**

**B – 80 – 89**

**C – 70 – 79**

**D – 60 – 69**

**F – 59 or less**

The Chipola Catalog provides policies and procedures regarding the grading system. A student's Grade Point Average is derived from the grading system/quality point scale.

## **ATTENDANCE AND WITHDRAWAL POLICIES:**

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Chipola College expects regular attendance of all students and for all instructors to record attendance daily. Students who are absent from classes for any reason other than official college activities must satisfy the instructor concerned that the absence was due to illness or other clearly unavoidable reasons. Otherwise, the student may suffer grade loss at the discretion of the instructor. Chipola policy allows each instructor to specify in the Instructor First Day Handout whether or not an absence is excusable and what effect the absence or tardy may have on the grade.

A student is allowed to repeat a course a maximum of three (3) times. **On the third attempt a student (1) must bear the full cost of instruction (unless waived by Student Services), (2) cannot withdraw, and (3) must receive a grade.**

## **MAKE-UP POLICY:**

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Chipola allows each instructor to specify in the Instructor First Day Handout the makeup policy.

## **ACADEMIC HONOR CODE POLICY:**

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Students are expected to uphold the Academic Honor Code, which is based on the premise that each student has the responsibility to (1) uphold the highest standards of academic honesty in his/her own work; (2) refuse to tolerate academic dishonesty in the college community; and (3) foster a high sense of honor and social responsibility on the part of students. Further information regarding the Academic Honor Code may be found in the Chipola Catalog, Student Governance section.

## **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES POLICY:**

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Chipola College is committed to making all programs and facilities accessible to anyone with a disability. Chipola's goal is for students to obtain maximum benefit from their educational experience and to effectively transition into the college environment. Students with disabilities are requested to voluntarily contact the Office of Students with Disabilities to complete the intake process and determine their eligibility for reasonable accommodations.

## **NOTICE OF EQUAL ACCESS/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND NONDISCRIMINATION:**

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Chipola College does not discriminate against any persons, employees, students, applicants or others affiliated with the college in regards to race, color, religion, ethnicity, national origin, age, veteran's status, disability, gender, genetic information, marital status, pregnancy or any other protected class under applicable federal and state laws, in any college program, activity or employment.

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## **LIBRARY AND ON-LINE REFERENCE MATERIALS:**

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The library is a comprehensive learning resource center providing information in print, electronic, and multimedia format to support the educational objectives of the College. On-line catalogs, e-books, and electronic databases can be accessed through the Library Resources link within your course in Canvas or by using the *Search* icon on the

Chipola Library website at [www.chipola.edu/library](http://www.chipola.edu/library). If you have questions about database usage, consult the “How to Use the Chipola Databases” on the Library website or call the Library at 850/718-2274 during regular hours. Library hours are posted each semester at the building entrance and on the Library website. See your Instructor First Day Handout for individual instructor recommendations and resources.

### **TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES:**

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The college’s learning management system is **Canvas**. Classes become available on Canvas on the first day of the semester. It is the student’s responsibility to log onto the Canvas system the first day of class to establish the first day of attendance and to check announcements. All official class communication must be through Canvas. For further information, contact your instructor or the Director of Learning Resources. The Canvas support hotline is available online in live chat and on the phone, toll-free, at 855-308-2812 for any issues utilizing Canvas. The **Technology Center**, located in the library, is equipped with computer workstations. Lab hours are posted each semester at the building entrance and on the Library website.

### **FREE TUTORING RESOURCES:**

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The Academic Center for Excellence (**ACE**) Lab, located in Building L, offers free tutoring from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is equipped with computer workstations. ACE lab hours are posted each semester at the room entrance and on the website. Additionally, live online tutoring conferences and individual tutoring sessions are available for a variety of courses through ACE@Home. For a conference schedule or to schedule an individual appointment, visit “ACE Tutoring” in the left navigation from any course in Canvas.

### **ELECTRONIC DEVICE USAGE STATEMENT:**

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Classrooms should be free of all unnecessary distractions from the task of learning. Therefore, as a general rule, students should silence and avoid use of all electronic devices (laptops, phones, tablets, etc.) not being used for coursework. Consult first-day handouts for any specific policies related to the use of electronic devices in the classroom, as they may vary depending upon the nature of the course or the guidelines of the instructor. Faculty reserve the right to regulate the use of electronic devices and their accessories in class.

### **DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC COMPETENCIES / LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

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SS-1 Identify behaviors and social trends, using appropriate research methodologies.

SS-2 Identify global influences on social, behavioral, and historical issue.

SS-3 Examine significant historical events.

SS-4 Identify differences and commonalities within diverse cultures. |

**Linking Course-level Student Learning Outcomes with Discipline-Specific Competencies, Assessment Methods, and Artifacts**

<b>COURSE-LEVEL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR POS 2112</b>	<b>DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC GENERAL EDUCATION COMPETENCIES</b>	<b>ASSESSMENT METHODS FOR COURSE LEVEL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (see Notes below)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate various functions of State and local governmental bodies</li> </ul>	SS-2, SS-3, SS-4	T, W, DB, RP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interpret the operation of Florida and County Governments</li> </ul>	SS-1, SS-2, SS-3, SS-4	T, W, DB, RP, P
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain the conflicts and issues confronting American states and communities.</li> </ul>	SS-1, SS-2, SS-3, SS-4	T, W, DB, RP, P
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examine the importance of state constitutions as the source of authority in policy making.</li> </ul>	SS-2, SS-3, SS-4	T, W, DB, RP, P
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examine the roles of states and local governments in various themes of federalism.</li> </ul>	SS-1, SS-3, SS-4,	T, W, DB, RP, P
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze the typical state party organization, party primaries, and the influence of interest groups in our democratic system.</li> </ul>	SS-1, SS-2, SS-3	T, W, DB, RP, P

**Notes: Assessment Codes**

**BO** - Behavioral Observation  
**Cap Proj** - Capstone Course  
**CF** - Cumulative Final  
**Clin** - Clinicals  
**CP** - Case Plan  
**CS** - Case Study  
**DB** - Discussion Board  
**DE** - Documented Essays  
**E** - Essays

**EX** - Dept Exam  
**Exp** - Experiments  
**F** - Final Exam  
**H** - Homework  
**Intern** - Internship  
**J** - Jury  
**JP** - Judged Perf/Exh  
**Obs** - Teacher Observ  
**OT** - Objective Tests

**Port** - Portfolio  
**Prac** - Practicum  
**Pre/ Post** - Pre-/Post-Tests  
**Proj** - Projects  
**PS** - Problem Solving  
**Q** - Quizzes  
**R** - Recital  
**RP** - Research Papers  
**RPT** - Report/Presentation

**SD** - Skills Demonstration  
**SE** - Natl or State Standardized  
**Sk** - Ck Skills Check-Off  
**SP** - Skills Performance  
**T** - Tests  
**UT** - Unit Tests  
**W** - Writing Assignments

**MEANS OF ACCOMPLISHING STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

- Students will read all assigned materials
- Students will attend and participate in class discussions
- Students will complete study guides and notes from class discussions and lectures.
- Faculty will
  - Prepare well-organized and present appropriate lectures
  - Generate and lead all classroom discussions.
  - Create and disseminate first day handouts.
  - Select all audio-visual materials to augment subject matter.
  - Prepare examinations to assess students grasp of subject matter.
- Faculty will allow for office appointments discuss progress, as needed

6. Faculty will advise students tutoring will be available through the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE Lab).
7. On occasion exponential learning will be made available by visiting available as an ancillary pedagogy. |

### **ASSIGNMENT AND/OR COURSE OUTLINE**

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See your Instructor First Day Handout for individual instructor assignment schedule.