

Montgomery County Community College
POL 124
American National Government
3-3-0

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

An examination of the basic structure and functions of American National Government, with emphasis on the power relationships between the Congress, the President, and the Judiciary. Political parties, pressure groups, civil rights, and the federal structure of our government will be stressed.

REQUISITES:

Previous Course Requirements

None

Concurrent Course Requirements

None

LEARNING OUTCOMES Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
1. Demonstrate reading and writing skills within the conceptual framework of American national government.	Lecture/Discussion AV/LRC Materials Written and Oral Reports Guest Speakers	Assignment: Congressional Research Assignment Part I Assignment: Congressional Research Assignment Part II Classroom Discussion Exams
2. Demonstrate oral communication skills within the conceptual framework of American		

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4. Describe the various components of American national government and express an appreciation of their global and multicultural nature.	Lecture/Discussion AV/LRC Materials Written and Oral Reports Guest Speakers	Assignment: Congressional Research Assignment Part I Assignment: Congressional Research Assignment Part II Classroom Discussion Exams Classroom Discussion Exams
5. Examine the ethical issues contained in American national government.	Lecture/Discussion AV/LRC Materials Written and Oral Reports Guest Speakers	Assignment: Congressional Research Assignment Part I Assignment: Congressional Research Assignment Part II Classroom Discussion Exams Classroom Discussion Exams
6. Examine the nature and importance of the aesthetic within American national government.	Lecture/Discussion AV/LRC Materials Written and Oral Reports Guest Speakers	Assignment: Congressional Research Assignment Part I Assignment: Congressional Research Assignment Part II Classroom Discussion Exams Classroom Discussion Exams
7. Utilize the major technological tools used in American national government.	Lecture/Discussion AV/LRC Materials Written and Oral Reports Guest Speakers	Assignment: Congressional Research Assignment Part I Assignment: Congressional Research Assignment Part II Classroom Discussion Exams Classroom Discussion Exams

At the conclusion of each semester/session, assessment of the learning outcomes will be completed by course faculty using the listed evaluation method(s). Aggregated results will be submitted to the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. The benchmark for each learning outcome is that *70% of students will meet or exceed outcome criteria.*

SEQUENCE OF TOPICS:

Revised by: Jodi Empol-Schwartz
VPAA/Provost or designee Compliance Verification:

Date: 1/10/2018
Date: 1/30/2018



This course is consistent with Montgomery County Community College's mission. It was developed, approved and will be delivered in full compliance with the policies and procedures established by the College.