



COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE: **POL 130** **STATE AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT**

HOURS: Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Shop/Clinical: 0 Credits: 3

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course includes state and local political institutions and practices in the context of American federalism. Emphasis is placed on procedural and policy differences as well as political issues in state, regional, and local governments of North Carolina. Upon completion, students should be able to identify and discuss various problems associated with intergovernmental politics and their effect on the community and the individual. *This course has been approved for transfer under the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement as a pre-major and/or elective course requirement.*

PREREQUISITE(S): DRE 097

COREQUISITE(S): None

TEXTBOOK(S) & OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Smith, Kevin, Alan Greenblatt, and John Bunton. *Governing States and Localities, 2nd Edition*. Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2007. Print.
ISBN 9780872893795
Readability Level: 12

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Explain the role of local governments providing vital public services.
2. Discuss the ongoing tension between the national governments and the states over jurisdiction and programs.
3. Explain the inputs at the state and local level and how the inputs produce decisions.
4. Describe the different approaches used by the fifty states in raising revenues and serving the public.
5. Evaluate different states and their relative success in maintaining a healthy economy.
6. Describe the way states compete for economic growth, new jobs and prestige.
7. Explain the structural and procedural characteristics state and local governments possess, including separation of powers, bicameralism and length of the ballot.

SYLLABUS INFORMATION:

The Student Learning Outcomes listed in this syllabus are those required actions that a student who successfully completes the course must be able to perform. The educational experience, however, is a two-way, interactive process involving both the student and the instructor. The student must play an active role in the learning process in order to be successful. Instructors will provide an Instructor's Syllabus at the first class meeting explaining how they measure each of the Student Learning Outcomes. A student who is unable to accomplish the outcomes will not receive a passing grade in the course.

The information in this BCC Syllabus may not be accurate beyond the current semester. Textbooks and other course materials are subject to change. Students should verify the textbooks at the first class meeting with their instructor prior to purchasing.

GRADING SYSTEM:

Brunswick Community College employs a system of letter grades and corresponding quality points per grade to evaluate a student's performance in meeting the stated goals and objectives for each course. The grading system is published in the [BCC Catalog and Student Handbook](#).

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Each student has individual responsibility for attending class regularly and for meeting course objectives. A student is expected to attend all class meetings in a course. Rules on tardiness and leaving class early are addressed in each instructor's syllabus. Instructors are required to record absences and report excessive absenteeism to the Registrar.

If a student is absent for any reason in excess of 20 percent of the class hours, he or she is in violation of the Brunswick Community College attendance policy. Unless the student officially withdraws from the course prior to the 65 percent point of the 16 week semester (or equivalent days for courses of other duration), he or she may receive a grade of "F."

Students who receive an "EXCESSIVE ABSENTEEISM NOTICE" are advised to contact their instructors immediately to review the conditions for withdrawing from the course or for continuing the course.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

Brunswick Community College complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, which require that no qualified student with a disability be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of any services, programs or activities on the basis of his or her disability. If a student has a disability that is covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act and requires accommodations in the classroom and/or in extracurricular activities, the student must request the accommodations in writing and submit the request to

the Disability Services Coordinator. Instructors will not provide accommodations without notification from the Disability Services Coordinator. Brunswick Community College will make every effort to provide reasonable accommodations.