1. **COURSE TITLE\*:** State and Local Government
2. **CATALOG – PREFIX/COURSE NUMBER/COURSE SECTION\*:** PSCI 2207
3. **PREREQUISITE(S)\*:** PSCI 1104 **COREQUISITE(S)\*:** None
4. **COURSE TIME/LOCATION/MODALITY: (*Course Syllabus – Individual Instructor Specific*)**
5. **CREDIT HOURS\*:** 3 **LECTURE HOURS\*:** 3

**LABORATORY HOURS\*: (contact hours) OBSERVATION HOURS\*:**

1. **FACULTY CONTACT INFORMATION: *(Course Syllabus – Individual Instructor Specific)***
2. **COURSE DESCRIPTION\*:**

This course examines the political processes and institutions of U.S. state and local government. Topics include state and local politics; state constitutions, municipal corporations and charters; political participation; institutions and processes; intergovernmental relations; political parties and interest groups; and policy issues and outcomes in state/local government with special reference to Ohio.

1. **LEARNING OUTCOMES\*:**

Students will demonstrate an understanding of:

1.Structure/Functions of state and local governments and intergovernmental relationships. 2.Theoretical and historical underpinnings of state constitutions and local charters. 3.State and local political processes such as electoral, judicial, and fiscal systems.

1. **ADOPTED TEXT(S)\*:**

*State and Local Government and Politics.*

Christopher A. Simon; Brent S. Steel; and Nicholas P. Lovrich

3rd Edition.

2024. Creative Commons, Oregon State University.

ISBN: 978-1-955101-43-1

<https://open.oregonstate.education/stateandlocalgovernment3e/>

*Know Your Government: The Definitive Guide for Ohioans Who Want to Learn How to Influence Government Policies.*

10th Edition.

2019. The League of Women Voters of Ohio Education Fund.

ISBN 978-1-7322073-0-1

<https://www.lwvohio.org/know-your-ohio-government>

**9a: SUPPLEMENTAL TEXTS APPROVED BY FULL TIME DEPARTMENTAL FACULTY (INSTRUCTOR MUST NOTIFY THE BOOKSTORE BEFORE THE TEXTBOOK ORDERING DEADLINE DATE PRIOR TO ADOPTION) \*\*\*.**

1. **OTHER REQUIRED MATERIALS: (SEE APPENDIX C FOR TECHNOLOGY REQUEST FORM.)\*\***
2. **GRADING SCALE\*\*\*:**

Grading will follow the policy in the catalog. The scale is as follows:

A: 90 – 100

B: 80 – 89

C: 70 – 79

D: 60 – 69

F: 0 – 59

1. **GRADING PROCEDURES OR ASSESSMENTS: (*Course Syllabus – Individual Instructor Specific)***

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| *Category* | ***EXAMPLE ONLY***  *Total Points* | *% of Grade* |
| Chapter Assignments (10x30) | 300 | 30% |
| Quizzes (10x20) | 200 | 20% |
| Unit Exams (3x100) | 300 | 30% |
| Assignments (5x10) | 50 | 5% |
| Annual Report Project (100) | 100 | 10% |
| Attendance | 50 | 5% |
| Total | 1000 | 100% |

1. **COURSE METHODOLOGY: *(Course Syllabus – Individual Instructor Specific)***
2. **COURSE OUTLINE: *(Course Syllabus – Individual Instructor Specific)***

***(Example)***

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| Week | Topic | Learning Objectives |
| 1 | Introduction  “Chapter 1: Introduction and Themes” *State and Local Government and Politics, 3rd Ed.*  “Chapter 1: This is Ohio” *Know Your Government, 10th Ed.* | LO1, LO2 |
| 2 | Federalism and the States  “Chapter 2: Federalism” *State and Local Government and Politics, 3rd Ed.* | LO 2 |
| 3 | Public Policy  “Chapter 3: The New Margins” *State and Local Government and Politics, 3rd Ed.* | LO1, LO3 |
| 4 | Public Policy  “Chapter 5: Key Actors and the Policy Process in State and Local Government” *State and Local Government and Politics, 3rd Ed.* | LO1, LO3 |
| 5 | State Constitutions  “Chapter 6: State Constitutions” *State and Local Government and Politics, 3rd Ed.*  “Chapter 2: Founding Documents” *Know Your Government, 10th Ed.* | LO1, LO2 |
| 6 | Legislatures  “Chapter 7: Legislatures” *State and Local Government and Politics, 3rd Ed.*  “Chapter 3: The Legislature” *Know Your Government, 10th Ed.* | LO1 |
| 7 | Executives  “Chapter 8: Executives” *State and Local Government and Politics, 3rd Ed.*  “Chapter 5: The Executive: Elected Officials” *Know Your Government, 10th Ed.*  “Chapter 6: State Government Departments” *Know Your Government, 10th Ed.*  “Chapter 7: Supplemental Agencies” *Know Your Government, 10th Ed.* | LO1 |
| 8 | Judiciary  “Chapter 9: Courts” *State and Local Government and Politics, 3rd Ed.*  “Chapter 4: The Judiciary” *Know Your Government, 10th Ed.* | LO1 |
| 9 | Local Government  “Chapter 10: State and Local Bureaucracy and Administrations” *State and Local Government and Politics, 3rd Ed.*  “Chapter 9: Local Government” *Know Your Government, 10th Ed.* | LO1, LO3 |
| 10 | Fiscal Systems and Policy  “Chapter 11: Budgeting and Sustainability” *State and Local Government and Politics, 3rd Ed.*  “Chapter 8: Financing State Government” *Know Your Government, 10th Ed.* | LO3 |
| 11 | Fiscal Systems and Policy  “Chapter 12: Entitlements” *State and Local Government and Politics, 3rd Ed.* | LO3 |
| 12 | Fiscal Systems and Policy  “Chapter 13: Traditional and Visible Services” *State and Local Government and Politics, 3rd Ed.* | LO3 |
| 13 | Education  “Chapter 10: Local Schools” *Know Your Government, 10th Ed.* | LO1, LO3 |
| 14 | Electoral Processes and Political Participation  “Chapter 11: Elections and Political Parties” *Know Your Government, 10th Ed.* | LO3 |
| 15 | Electoral Processes and Political Participation  “Chapter 12: Public Participation and Politics” *Know Your Government, 10th Ed.* | LO3 |
| Finals | TBA |  |

**15. SPECIFIC MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS\*\*\*:**

**16. FERPA: \***

Students need to understand that their work may be seen by others. Others may see students’ work when being distributed, during group project work, or if it is chosen for demonstration purposes. Students also need to know that there is a strong possibility that their work may be submitted to other entities for the purpose of plagiarism checks.

**17. ACCOMMODATIONS: \***

Students requesting accommodations may contact Ryan Hall, Accessibility Coordinator at rhall21@sscc.edu or 937-393-3431, X 2604.

Students seeking a religious accommodation for absences permitted under Ohio’s Testing Your Faith Act must provide the instructor and the Academic Affairs office with written notice of the specific dates for which the student requires an accommodation and must do so no later than fourteen (14) days after the first day of instruction or fourteen (14) days before the dates of absence, whichever comes first. For more information about Religious Accommodations, contact Ryan Hall, Accessibility Coordinator at [rhall21@sscc.edu](mailto:rhall21@sscc.edu) or 937-393-3431 X 2604.

**18. OTHER INFORMATION\*\*\*:**

**SYLLABUS TEMPLATE KEY**

**\*** Item cannot be altered from that which is included in the master syllabus approved by the Curriculum Committee.

**\*\*** Any alteration or addition must be approved by the Curriculum Committee

**\*\*\*** Item should begin with language as approved in the master syllabus but may be added to at the discretion of the faculty member.