

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
State University of New York

INSTITUTIONAL COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: State & Local Government

Course Abbreviation and Number: POL 2570

Credit Hours: 3

Course Type: Lecture

Course Description: Students will examine the historical development and political roles of state, county, city, town, and village government with an emphasis on New York state. Students will complete the course by participating in a simulation of city government.

Prerequisite: ENG 1510.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of major concepts, models, and issues of at least one discipline in the social sciences. [SUNY Gen Ed – Social Sciences]
 2. Demonstrate understanding of the methods social scientists use to explore social phenomena, including observation, hypothesis development, measurement and data collection, experimentation, evaluation of evidence, and employment of mathematical interpretive analysis. [SUNY Gen Ed – Social Sciences]
 3. Demonstrate knowledge of common institutions, practices, or policies, and how they have affected different social groups or individuals in society. [JCC Gen Ed – Social Sciences]
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Topics Covered:

- Origins and functions of State and local government in the American System of Federalism as seen in New York and other states
 - The “decline” of New York State
 - “Camelot”: a role playing simulation
 - Jamestown City Council
 - Jamestown City Planning Commission
 - Jamestown Urban Renewal Agency
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Information for Students

- Expectations of Students
 - [Civility Statement](#)
 - [Student Responsibility Statement](#)
 - [Academic Integrity Statement](#)
 - [Accessibility Services](#)
Students who require accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability must make their accommodation requests to the Accessibility Services Coordinator.
 - [Get Help: JCC & Community Resources](#)
 - [Emergency Closing Procedures](#)
 - Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

A=4.0	B+=3.5	B=3	C+=2.5	C=2	D+=1.5	D=1	F=0
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 - Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.
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Effective Date: Fall 2021