# PS 201: U.S. Government

Examines the development of constitutional traditions in the United States. Includes topics such as the Bill of Rights, interest groups, parties, and elections, as well as, the national institutions including the Legislative, Executive and Judicial branches of government.

Credits 4

## **Prerequisites**

Equivalent placement test scores also accepted.

## Subject

**Political Science** 

## **Course Outcomes**

Upon successful completion students should be able to:

- Apply an understanding of diversity of human experience and culture in relationship to how we think and interact with others with regards to interest groups, political parties and other political realities in the United States
- Employ different methods of inquiry and analytical skills to conceptually organize experiences and discern meaning from ongoing study of U. S. Constitutional traditions involving national political institutions, including the Legislative, Executive and Judicial branches of U. S. Government.
- Analyze the roles of individuals and political institutions as these relate to contemporary problems and issues
  associated with the Bill of Rights, and equal rights under the law, and other political issues.
- Reason quantitatively and qualitatively in both written and oral communication to address national problems within US national political institutions.
- Develop and articulate personal value judgments, respecting different points of view, while practicing ethical and social requirements of responsible citizenship by participating in elections, accessing the various government institutions, and engaging in other opportunities for action in a democratic society.

## **Prerequisite Courses**

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