

## PS 203: State and Local Government

Examines state and local government policy formulation and outcomes on issues ranging from taxation to prisons, and education to environmental concerns. Focuses on Oregon state and local politics. PS 201, 202, and 203 need not be taken in sequence.

### Course Student Learning 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
- controversies associated with state and local government policies.
- Employ different methods of inquiry and analytical skills to conceptually organize experiences and discern meaning from ongoing study of state and
- local government policymaking structures and policy formulation.
- Analyze the roles of individuals and political institutions as these relate to contemporary problems and issues ranging from taxation to
- prisons and education to environmental concerns.
- Use the ability to reason quantitatively and qualitatively using analytical skills expressed in both written and oral communication to address
- political problems at the state and local government levels in the U.S.
- Develop and articulate personal value judgments, respecting points of view, while practicing ethical and social requirements of responsible citizenship
- by participating in elections, and other opportunities for action at the state and local government levels in the U.S.

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: [WR 115](#) [RD 115](#) [MTH 20](#) Equivalent placement test scores also accepted.

Program: [Political Science](#)