Student Learning Feedback Form POL110: Introduction to American Politics

Course Goals or Objectives

- I understand the structure, organization, and history of American political institutions, ideologies, and parties.
- I can analyze contemporary political events better than before taking this class.
- I understand the founding principles of the United States.
- I understand the role that social movements and everyday people play in our local and national politics.
- I recognize how power is negotiated at local, state, and federal levels.

Skills and Abilities

- Critical and analytical thinking
- Developing analytic arguments through writing
- Building concise evidence-based thesis statements
- Chicago Style Citations
- Data Analysis

Concepts

- Federal Government (Congress, The Executive, The Judiciary)
- Parties and Federal Institutions
- Power
- Civil Liberties, Civil Rights, and Social Movements

Assignments

- Reading reflections
- Short Essay
- Midterm
- Final paper/project

Resources and Experiences

- Textbook: We the People (WP): Ginsberg et al. (2017)
- Textbook: Principles and Practices of American Politics (PPAP): Kernell & Smith (2015)
- Canvas Readings
- Lectures
- Group Discussions
- Congress to Campus