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POLS&202 - American Government

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College: South

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BASIC INFORMATION

Requester(s): Michael McCrath

College: South Seattle College

Division/Dept: Academic Programs

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COURSE INFORMATION

Proposed Course Number:

Prefix: **POLS&** Number: **202**

Request a new Prefix

This will be a common course

Full Title: American Government

Abbreviated Title: American Government

Catalog Course Description:

Survey of the origin and function of the U.S. government. Examines the Articles of Confederation, the Constitution, and the creation of the federal system. Analyses the functions of Congress, the Presidency and Courts. Topics include political socialization, ideology, interest groups, political parties, and elections.

Course Length: 11 Weeks

Request an Exception

Topical Outline:

1. The American political environment
 - A. Constitutional politics
 - B. The constitutional basics of American politics
 - C. Federalism in theory and practice
2. The politics of liberty and equality
 - A. Civil rights and liberties
 - B. Issues of freedom and equality
3. The politics of participation
 - A. Political socialization and participation

- B. Public opinion
 - C. Political interest groups
 - D. Political parties
 - E. Campaigns and elections
 - F. Politics and the new media
4. The American political institutions
- A. Congress -- The Legislative branch
 - B. The Presidency -- the Executive branch
 - C. The Federal judges -- the Judicial branch
 - D. The Federal bureaucracy
5. Politics and public policy
- A. The policy making process
 - B. Domestic policy
 - C. Economic policy
 - D. Foreign and defense policy

COURSE CODING

Funding Source: 1.....State

Institutional Intent: 11.....Academic Transfer

Select the Distribution Area of the AA Degree that this course will satisfy, if applicable:

Distribution Areas

Individuals, Cultures and Societies

Will this course transfer to a 4-year university?

Yes

Please Describe:

POLS 202 is a transfer course and a core course in most four-year baccalaureate political science programs.

Is this course designed for Limited English Proficiency?

No

Is this course designed for Academic Disadvantaged?

No

Does this course have a Workplace Training component?

No

CIP Code: 45.1001

Request Specific CIP Code

Credits:

Will this course be offered as Variable Credit?

No

No

List Course Contact Hours

Lecture (11 Contact Hours : 1 Credit)	55
Lab (22 Contact Hours : 1 Credit)	0
Clinical Work (33 Contact Hours : 1 Credit)	0
Other (55 Contact Hours : 1 Credit)	0

Total Contact Hours 55

Total Credits

5

This is to certify that the above criteria have all been met and all statements are accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Faculty involved in originating this program:

Michael McCrath
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Michael McCrath
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5/9/2016
Date

Dean:

Daniel Dillard
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Daniel Dillard
Signature

4/7/2016
Date

Results of SSCC Curriculum Coordinating Council Findings

Participating Faculty Response and Remarks

- Recommended for approval
- Not recommended for approval

Chairman, Curriculum Coordinating Council:

Mary Beans
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Date