

Course Outline – ACE Government 1010

Corning Community College / Prattsburgh Central School

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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

ACE Government will focus on the theories and practices of the American Federal Government. This course will address such topics as the structure of federal, state, and local governments, the Constitution, the role of interest groups, political parties, public opinion, and media. We will also analyze how public policy is shaped by our government to address social, economic, and foreign policy issues.

## **TEXTBOOK**

Morone, Kersch. (2014). By the People

## **MAJOR TOPICS**

Political Structure of Federal, State and Local Governments

Political Systems Around the World

Historical Influences on American Government

The Constitution – Basic Principles, Structure, Amendments

American Federalism

Political Parties – Ideology, Republicans and Democrats, Third Parties

Elections and Campaigns – Public Opinion, Media, Historical Campaigns, Voting

The Legislative Branch

The Executive Branch

The Judicial Branch

Civil Liberties and Rights – First Amendment Freedoms, Due Process, Civil Rights

Public Policy – Economic Policy, Social Policy, Foreign Policy

State and Local Government

## **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Successful completion of this course should provide the student with:

1. An understanding of the historical influences on American Government.
2. An understanding of the structure of the American Government and the United States Constitution.
3. An ability to analyze how political parties develop and how their platforms change to reflect social views of the time.
4. An understanding of political campaigns, the role of the media, and how public
5. An ability to express contrasting views regarding social, economic, and foreign policy issues.

6. An understanding of state and local government.

## **GRADING**

A = 94-100%

B- = 80-83%

D+ = 68-69%

A- = 90-93%

C+ = 77-79%

D = 65-67%

B+ = 87-89%

C = 74-76%

F = below 65%

B = 84-86%

C- = 70-73%

## **BASIS OF EVALUATION**

Exams (3) - 35%

Research Papers - 25%

Class Participation/homework 40%

**Homework assignments 1 Day late will be given a 50% more than 2 Days late will be graded as a 0.**

## **EXAMS**

The may include a short identification section and essay section and/or multiple choice.

## **COMMUNICATION**

If at any time, you are having problems in the course, you should see me as soon as possible.

## **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Students are expected to attend class regularly and arrive on time. If a student is absent from more than the equivalent of 7 unexcused days of class sessions, the following actions **may** be taken:

1. The student may be dropped from the course, OR
2. If the date for dropping a course without a penalty has passed, the student may receive a failing grade, unless prior arrangements have been made between the instructor and student.
3. A student who seeks an exception to this policy must do so in advance of the absence and/or provide documentation of the emergency that caused it, as determined by the instructor.

## **ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY**

The principles of integrity, respect and ethical behavior are long standing traditions at CCC. It is expected that all students will recognize these values and adhere to all aspects of student conduct and academic honesty inside and outside of the classroom. The act of academic dishonesty is one

in which a student is trying to gain an unfair academic advantage or is avoiding actions required by a course, which have been designated to improve some aspect of the student's education. Knowingly and willfully aiding or collaborating with a student in the violation of an Academic Honesty policy, even if not personally committing any violation is considered academic dishonesty.

If a violation of this policy has occurred, the instructor will conduct an investigation. The result of this investigation may be a failing grade on the assignment, a failing grade for the course, or expulsion from the Course.

### **Class Rules**

**Absolutely NO cell phones will be allowed during class**

**Drinks in proper containers are acceptable in class.**

**NO FOOD allowed during class**

**Please do not interrupt or talk over me or fellow students. This class focuses on your opinions and interpretations on government issues. Please be respectful!**

**Let's have a great semester!!**