

COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
COURSE OUTLINE

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A. Identification

1. Subject Area: Political Science (POS)
2. Course Number: 220
3. Course Title: Arizona and National Constitution
4. Credit Hours.: 3
5. Course Description: Basic course in Arizona and United States governments and constitutions designed to meet the requirements for Arizona state teaching certification. General Education: Social and Behavioral Sciences. Three lecture.

B. Course Goals:

This course will provide the student with a basic knowledge and understanding of the governments of Arizona the United States. The student will also develop an understanding of the philosophical roots of constitutional systems and of federalism.

C. Course Outcomes: Students will:

1. compare and contrast the theories of constitutions and constitutionalism;
2. describe federalism and its specific application in the United States;
3. explain Arizona's political history and the general factors that shaped it;
4. explain the structure of Arizona state, county and local government;
5. explain the structure of the federal political system;
6. and interpret and explain current problems in federalism, especially as they pertain to Arizona.

D. Course Content will include:

1. theory of constitutions and constitutionalism;
2. theory of federalism with emphasis on;
  - a. the separation of powers;
  - b. the role of the federal government in Arizona;
3. the Arizona political structure:
  - a. the branches of the state government;
  - b. local and county governments;
  - c. the separation of power and functions between the various levels within Arizona;
4. the federal/national political structure:
  - a. congress;
  - b. executive;
  - c. judicial system;
  - d. bureaucracy;
5. policy process;
6. current problems of federalism, especially those that pertain to Arizona, which may include:
  - a. water policy;
  - b. and state right.