

## CORE CURRICULUM COMPONENT APPLICATION

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<b>CORE COMPONENT AREA</b>	Government/Political Science
<b>COURSE TYPE</b>	Existing Core
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Social Sciences
<b>COURSE RUBRIC &amp; NUMBER</b>	GOVT 2305
<b>COURSE NAME</b>	Federal Government
<b>CATALOG DESCRIPTION</b>	Origin and development of the U.S. Constitution, structure and powers of the national government including the legislative, executive, and judicial branches, federalism, political participation, the national election process, public policy, civil liberties and civil rights.
<b>NUMBER OF SECTIONS OFFERED/FALL</b>	20, and 1-2 Midwinter
<b>NUMBER OF SECTIONS OFFERED/SPRING</b>	17, and 1 MM and 5-6 Summer
<b>EXTIMATED ANNUAL ENROLLMENT</b>	1100
<b>COURSE LEVEL</b>	Sophomore
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<b>DEPARTMENT APPROVAL STATUS</b>	<b>Select One</b> - Date Click here to enter a date.
<b>CORE COMMITTEE COMMENTS</b> (REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)	
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Best practices and accreditation guidelines generally place the faculty in a position of responsibility for curricular decisions.

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*Indicate below how each learning objective will be supported, what strategies or activities will be used to introduce each objective and how student learning will be assessed.*

**\*NOTE: Component Area Option –**

- A. A minimum of 3 SCH must meet the definition and corresponding Core Objectives specified in one of the foundational component areas
- B. As an option for up to 3 semester credit hours of the Component Area Option, an institution may select course(s) that:
  - i. Meet(s) the definition specified for one or more of the foundational component areas; and
  - ii. Include(s) a minimum of three Core Objectives, including Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, and one of the remaining Core Objectives of the institution's choice.

#	THECB CORE OBJECTIVE "ICO"	PROGRAM GOALS/OUTCOMES	COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES	KEY IDENTIFIERS	LEARNING EXPERIENCE	ASSESSMENT
1	<p><b>Critical Thinking Skills</b> - to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.</p> <p><i>Must be addressed in all core curriculum courses</i></p>	As a Government/Political Science course in the core component area this course will assess critical thinking, communication, social responsibility, and personal responsibility.	8. Analyze issues and policies in U.S. politics.	Student will write a one page reflection essay regarding a current topic pertaining to the American government.	Submit one page reflection essay.	This core objective will be assessed by an interdepartmental assessment committee using the Critical Thinking rubric.
2	<p><b>Communication Skills</b> - to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and</p>	As a Government/Political Science course in the core component area this course will assess critical thinking,	4. Demonstrate knowledge of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the federal government.	Student will submit a one page reflection essay regarding a current topic pertaining to the American government and	Submit one page reflection essay.	This core objective will be assessed by an interdepartmental assessment committee using the

	<p>visual communication.</p> <p><i>Must be addressed in all core curriculum courses</i></p>	<p>communication, social responsibility, and personal responsibility.</p>		<p>how one of the three branches is involved.</p>		<p>Communication rubric.</p>
3	<p><b>Empirical and Quantitative Skills</b> - to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions</p> <p><i>Must be addressed in all Mathematic, Life and Physical Sciences, AND Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences component area core curriculum courses. Optional for all other component areas.</i></p>					
4	<p><b>Teamwork</b> - to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal.</p> <p><i>Must be addressed in all Communication, Life &amp; Physical Sciences, and Creative Arts component area core curriculum courses. Optional for all other component areas.</i></p>					

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5	<p><b>Social Responsibility:</b> to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities</p> <p><i>Must be addressed in all Language, Philosophy &amp; Culture, Creative Arts, American History and Government/Political Science, and Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences component area core curriculum courses. Optional for all other component areas.</i></p>	<p>As a Government/Political Science course in the core component area this course will assess critical thinking, communication, social responsibility, and personal responsibility.</p>	<p>7. Describe the rights and responsibilities of citizens.</p>	<p>Student will submit a one page paper explaining 3 responsibilities of citizens.</p>	<p>Submit one page paper.</p>	<p>This core objective will be assessed by an interdepartmental assessment committee using the Social Responsibility rubric.</p>
6	<p><b>Personal Responsibility</b> - to include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making.</p> <p><i>Must be addressed in all Communication, Language, Philosophy &amp; Culture, American History and Government/Political Science component area core curriculum courses. Optional for all other component areas.</i></p>	<p>As a Government/Political Science course in the core component area this course will assess critical thinking, communication, social responsibility, and personal responsibility.</p>	<p>5. Evaluate the role of public opinion, interest groups, and political parties in the political system.</p>	<p>Student will submit a one page paper discussing the role of either a voter, interest groups, or political parties play in American politics.</p>	<p>Submit one page paper.</p>	<p>This core objective will be assessed by an interdepartmental assessment committee using the Personal Responsibility rubric.</p>

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## Critical Thinking Skills

To include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.

***Must be addressed in all core courses***

## Communication Skills

To include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication.

***Must be addressed in all core courses***

## Empirical and Quantitative Skills

To include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions.

***Must be addressed in all core courses that satisfy the following requirements:***

- Mathematics
- Life and Physical Sciences
- Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Some Component Area Options

## Teamwork

To include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal.

***Must be addressed in all core courses that satisfy the following requirements:***

- Communication
- Life and Physical Sciences
- Creative Arts
- Some Component Area Options

## Social Responsibility

To include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national and global communities.

***Must be addressed in all core courses that satisfy the following requirements:***

- Language, Philosophy and Culture
- Creative Arts
- American History
- Government/Political Science
- Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Some Component Area Options

## Personal Responsibility

To include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making.

***Must be addressed in all core courses that satisfy the following requirements:***

- Communication
- Language, Philosophy and Culture
- American History
- Government/Political Science
- Some Component Area Options