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**PLSC - 1043 American Government, 3.00 Credits**

Level: Lower

Gen Ed - American History, Gen Ed - Social Sciences, Liberal Arts and Science

This course provides an introduction to American government. Students will examine the basic framework and institutions of government, including the U.S. Constitution and branches of government. The development and historical growth of government will be discussed as well as the effect of government on diverse social groups. Emphasis will also be on national policies regarding economy, foreign relations, natural resources, and various moral/ethical issues, including civil rights and individual liberties.

**PLSC - 1053 International Relations, 3.00 Credits**

Level: Lower

Gen Ed - Other World Civ, Liberal Arts and Science

This course examines the dynamics of the nation-state and the interrelationship among states. Attention will be given to the position of the United States as a world power in the past, present, and future. Topics will include the history of international relations; U.S. foreign policy and security challenges; the problems faced by less developed countries; international organizations; "globalization" and the dynamics of the world economy; and regional and national perspectives. An emphasis will be placed on current events and areas of conflict around the world.