

LAKES REGION COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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COURSE OUTLINE/SYLLABUS SHEET

• **COURSE NO:** POLS 231L

• **COURSE TITLE:** American Government

• **CREDIT HOURS:** 3 Semester Hours

• **SEMESTER:** Fall, 2020

• **CLASS MEETINGS:** Online Class

• **INSTRUCTOR:** E. Scott Cracraft

• **INSTRUCTOR'S EMAIL:** ecracraft@ccsnh.edu

• **OFFICE LOCATION:** Room # 109 C.A.T. Building
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**Note: I do not mind students calling me at home,
especially in and online class!**

CONFERENCE HOURS: Mondays, 12-1 p. m. and 4-5 p. m.
Wednesdays, 10-1 p. m.

Or, by appointment

• **PREREQUISITES:** None

• **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This introductory course in government examines the relationship between government, politics and power. Students discuss how people in a representative democracy can effect change in government to address current and future needs.

• **TEXT/INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED:**

Text:

The good news is that in this course, you will NOT have to purchase a textbook! Instead, as a primary text, we will be using an Online Educational Resource which is free to you. Here is the link to the OER:

American Government <https://openstax.org/details/books/american-government-2e>

“Outside” Book:

One monographic work dealing with a political issue or problem of interest to the student Chosen in collaboration with and with the approval of the instructor.

Other materials:

These materials will be posted in the Modules on Canvas. These will include the U.S. Constitution, the NH Constitution, the U.S. Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and other primary documents. These will also include links to websites, yy Online written lectures, articles, videos, and very likely recorded ZOOM lectures.

Note: Students are responsible for all material posted in the Canvas Modules.

• **GRADING:**

Grades are assigned based on a percentage of total points earned:

Weekly Assignments (13 of 14 at up to 50 pts. ea.):	650 points
Weekly Discussion Board Questions:	700 point
Book Review:	100 points
Letter to Public Official:	50 points
Position Paper:	200 points
Total:	1700 points

Grading Scale:

A	93-100	B	83-86	C	73-76	D	63-66
A-	90-92	B-	80-82	C-	70-72	D-	60-62
B+	87-89	C+	77-79	D+	67-69	F	0-59

NOTE: Grades will be posted on an electronic grade books on Canvas which class members can access.
