



# Wayne County Community College District

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### PS 235 State and Local Government

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**CREDIT HOURS:** 3.00

**CONTACT HOURS:** 45.00

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course is a survey of state and local government, including structure, institutions and processes. The course stresses intergovernmental relations.

*Prerequisite: PS 101*

**EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Examines political institutions, actors, and issues within American state and local governments.
- Among other topics, our class will discuss federalism, political culture, state campaigns and elections, political parties, public policies, constitutional provisions, and state government branches (legislative, executive, and judicial).

**ASSESSMENT METHODS:**

Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

**GRADING SCALE:**

90%-100% = A  
80%-89.9% = B  
70%-79.9% = C  
60%-69.9% = D  
<60% = E