

A: Division: **INSTRUCTIONAL** Date: **NOVEMBER 1997**

HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Information form:  
 C: **POLI 209** D: **INTRODUCTION TO U.S. GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS** E: **3**

Semester: **1997-98**

course provides students with an introduction to the principal institutions and processes of the U.S. political system including the Presidency, Congress, judiciary, bureaucracy, federalism, political parties, interest groups and electoral systems. Students will have an opportunity to examine some of the enduring issues of American politics and the role of the U.S. in international politics.

Type of instruction: **lecture** 2 Hrs

Laboratory: **None**  
 Seminar: **2 Hrs**

Clinical Experience: **None** Hrs.  
 Field Experience: **None** Hrs.  
 Practicum: **None** Hrs.

Shop: **None** Hrs.  
 Studio: **None** Hrs.

Student Directed Learning: **None** Hrs.  
 Other (Specify): **None** Hrs.

Maximum Class Size: **35**  
 Total: **4 Hrs**

Requested: **35**  
 Granted: **35**

Specify Course Equivalents:  
 SFU   
 UBC

ENBC   
 IMC   
 Other:

**POLI 209 - INTRODUCTION TO  
U.S. GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

**Subject and Course Number**

Textbooks and materials to be purchased by students (Use Bibliographic Form)

Texts and course readings will be selected from the following:

Greenberg, Edward and Benjamin J. Page, *The Struggle for Democracy*, 2nd, New York: Pearson  
Collins College Publishers, 1995

Ginsberg, American Government: Freedom and Power, 3rd, New  
York: W.W. Norton and Company, 1994

Lowi, Theodore J. and Benjamin  
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York: W.W. Norton and Company, 1994

Scarborough: Allyn and Bacon Canada, 1996

Group/Brown & Benchmark Publishers, 1996

Welch, Susan, et al. American Government, 5th, St. Paul, West Publishing Co., 1994

New York: Harper Collins College  
Publishers, 1993

Publishers, 1993

Textbooks will be updated periodically.

Complete Form with Entries Under the Following Headings to Course

**Course Objective**

Students will become familiar with the institutions and processes of the American government: the executive, legislative, judicial and bureaucracy; federalism; the U.S. electoral and party system; and the constitution, Presidency, Congress, interest groups. Students will become familiar with the nature of American politics, culture and some of the important issues in American politics.

Students will demonstrate an understanding of the complex relationships between the institutions of American government and political processes.



