

SEWARD COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE COURSE SYLLABUS

I. TITLE OF COURSE: SS1211- Practical Politics In Action

II. COURSE DESCRIPTION: One **credit hours** 0 **credit hours of lecture** and One **credit hours of lab per week.**

A course designed to initiate the student into practical application of social sciences in the nature of serving on the Student Government Association. The student will be in a position that forces him or her to resolve conflicts that arise before the Association. In short, the student will learn the basics of governmental processes. The students are required to attend all SGA meetings and specific scheduled activities. The SGA assists the college administration by handling student input and presenting it to the proper people, overseeing campus club activities and administering governmental related activities involving students of the college.

For each unit of credit, a minimum of three hours per week with one of the hours for class and two hours for studying/preparation outside of class is expected.

Pre-requisite: None

III. PROGRAM AND/OR DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT:

Division Statement: The mission of the Humanities and Social Sciences is to foster an appreciation of the role that the humanities and social sciences has played in the evolution of civilized society and to explore the ways that an understanding of theory and practice in philosophy, the social and behavioral sciences, the fine arts, and written and oral expression will enable students to participate thoughtfully in a global society.

Department Statement: The mission of political science is to study the structures and processes in politics to understand the roles of institutions and citizens in the society, the nation and the world.

IV. TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS:

No formal text book is used; a current daily planner is required at each class meeting. (The SCCC Planner/Student Handbook is preferred and available in the Saints Bookstore.) Handouts on parliamentary procedure are utilized. A SCCC catalogue is also available for reference.

V. SCCC OUTCOMES

Students who successfully complete this course will demonstrate the ability to do the following SCCC Outcomes.

VIII: Show the ability to contribute to political, civic, and community responsibilities as an informed member of society

IX: Exhibit workplace skills that include respect for others, teamwork competence, attendance/punctuality, decision making, conflict resolution, truthfulness/honesty, positive attitude, judgment, and responsibility

VI. COURSE OUTCOMES:

1. Improve ability to follow basic principles and rules of parliamentary procedures.
2. Increase understanding of how student fees are received and distributed.

3. Gain better understanding of personal values.

VII. COURSE OUTLINE:

1. Attend SGA meetings
2. Attend board of trustees meeting
3. Participate in service learning projects
4. Complete assignments designated by instructor

VIII. INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS:

1. Lecture
2. Meeting facilitation
3. Workshop sessions

IX. INSTRUCTIONAL AND RESOURCE MATERIALS:

1. Parliamentary Procedure materials
2. SCCC SGA Constitution
3. Resource materials as needed

X. METHODS OF ASSESSMENT:

Outcome 8:

1. Attendance at one Board of Trustees meeting.

Outcome 9:

1. Class attendance- Due to the participation-oriented/lab structure of the course attendance is required to achieve a passing grade. The only excused absences will be other college activities. As a personal and professional courtesy, students must make arrangements IN ADVANCE for known college activity absences via phone at (620)417-1064 or by note to the student activities office.

2. Participate in SGA activities to maintain a high participation grade. SGA activities include Homecoming, Elections, etc.

3. Evaluation of performance by the sponsor/instructor and the student.

XI. ADA STATEMENT:

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, Seward County Community College will make reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities. If you need support or assistance because of a disability, you may be eligible for academic accommodations. Students should identify themselves to the Dean of Students at 620-417-1106 or going to the Student Success Center in the Hobbie Academic building, room 149 A.