

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

State and Local Government

Fall, 2014

Course Number: Political Science: 45638 POLS 2330, Sec 0
Course Title: State and Local Government
Class Schedule: 5:00 – 6:15 p.m., Monday and Wednesday
Class Location: Brock Hall, Room 301
Credit: 3 credit hours
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Required Text: Governing States and Localities, 4rd Edition, Kevin Smith, Alan Greenblatt, CQ Press

Course Catalog Description: POLS 2330 - State and Local Government

Tennessee state and local government and politics with comparisons to government and politics in the other states. On demand.

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Daily Topics and Reading

Chapter 1 Introduction
Chapter 2 Federalism
Chapter 3 Constitutions

September 1 Labor Day Holiday

Chapter 4 Finance
Chapter 5 Political Attitudes and Participation
Chapter 6 Parties and Interest Groups

EXAM

Chapter 7 Legislatures

Chapter 8	Governors and Executives
Chapter 9	Courts
Chapter 10	Bureaucracy
Chapter 11	Local Governments

EXAM

October 20	Fall Break – Holiday
October 22	Fall Break – Holiday
November 24	Thanksgiving – Holiday
November 26	Thanksgiving – Holiday

Chapter 12	Metropolitics
Chapter 13	Education
Chapter 14	Crime and Punishment
Chapter 15	Health and Welfare
Chapter 16	Environment and Climate Change

December 1 FINAL EXAM

Grading, Examinations, Makeup and Attendance Policy: Students are encouraged to attend class. No makeup exams will be permitted without prior notification of absence (at least 24 hours).

91 – 100	A
81 – 90	B
71 – 80	C
61 – 70	D
0 – 60	F

Exams	60%
Class Participation	20%
Class Attendance	20%

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