

**NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences,
Education and Wellness, Legal and
Protective Services**

PLSC 2003 (American National Government)

Catalog Description:

The organization, functions, institutions, and problems of the federal government will be studied including the United States Constitution, Congress, the Presidency and federal bureaucracy, and the judicial system. Additional study will be given to political parties, public opinion, interest groups, voting and elections, Supreme Court decisions, and other political aspects and activities of government.

Prerequisites:

None.

Credit Hours/Contact Hours/Load

hours: 3/3/3

Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, the learner will have:

- 1- Explained the origins development of the American political system.
- 2- Discussed various themes of importance to the American political experience.
- 3- Explained the various roles of the three branches of the U.S. government.
- 4- Described the Federal system and will have explained the current relationship between the national and state governments.
- 5- Considered political theories across the ideological spectrums that influence government behavior.