

POL 3722 - State and Local Government

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 41517,

Credit hours: 3

Instructor

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Course Description

3722. State and Local Government. The political processes and institutions of state and local governments, with special attention to Ohio government.

Prereq.: POL 1560. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	State and Local Government 12th Ed.	Bowman, Ann O'm	9798214157610

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Federalist Paper #39	Introduction	Test #1 Essay #1
8/31	Chapter 3	State Constitutions	Test #2 Essay #2
9/7	Chapter 2	Federalism	Test #3
9/14	Chapter 2	Federalism	Test #4
9/21	Chapter 13	Taxation and Spending	Test #5
9/28	Chapter 13	Taxation and Spending	Test #6 Essay #3 Essay #4
10/5	Chapter 17	Social Welfare and Health Insurance	Test #7 Essay #5



10/12	Chapter 4	Elections and Citizen Participation	Test #8 Essay #6
10/19	Chapter 5	Political Parties and Interest Groups	Test #9
10/26	Chapter 6	State Legislatures	Test #10 Essay #7
11/2	Chapter 7	State Governors	Test #11 Essay #8
11/9	Chapter 9	State Courts	Test #12 Essay #9
11/16	Chapter 12	The Relationship Between State and Local Governments	Test #13 Essay #10 Essay #11
11/23	Chapter 10	Local Government: Municipalities, Townships, Villages, and Counties	Test #14 Essay #12
11/30	Chapter 8	Public Budgeting and Services	Test #15 Essay #13
12/7	N/A	Final Examinations	No Final

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