

**Course:** PLS 101

**Course Title:** American Democracy & Citizenship

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Department:** Political Science

**Prerequisite:** None

*May also receive credit for this course through Advanced Placement; CLEP;*

**CORE-42 Category:** SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES - Civics: American Government

**MOTR POSC 101**

**MOTR Hours:** 3

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**Typically Offered During:**

Fall Full Semester:	YES	Fall 1 <sup>st</sup> Block:	NO	Fall 2 <sup>nd</sup> Block:	NO
Spring Full Semester:	YES	Spring 1 <sup>st</sup> Block:	NO	Spring 2 <sup>nd</sup> Block:	NO
Summer:	YES				

**Typical Instructional Modality:**

Traditional (seated):	YES	Blended:	NO	Internet:	YES
Online Video:	NO	Web Conference:	YES		

**May Also Count Toward Department Offering:**

Major:	NO	Minor:	YES	Certificate:	NO
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*Please see online published semester class schedule and undergraduate catalog for detailed course offering information.*

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***How do you describe the course to students when they ask “What is this class about?” (Without using the catalog description)?***

It's an overview of the nuts and bolts of American government and American politics.

***Beyond meeting a General Education requirement, what benefits can students realize from choosing this course?***

Regardless of major and career path, understanding the basis and basics of American government makes everyone a more informed citizen. Moreover, the course allows students to understand how they can make a difference in our society; both as an individual and in groups.

***Other than your major/minor/certificate students, what groups of students could find this course relevant to their degree program or career path?***

Because so many fields/majors interact with government, PLS 101's relevance is widespread. Is especially relevant for students interested in pre-law. In terms of the way we look at the world, PLS 101 is a natural fit with the traditional social science majors of ECO, SOC, ANT, CRM, and PSY, as well as our CHPA colleagues in HST and PHI. Would also be relevant to many majors in COB, some in COE, and a few in CNAS.

***Catalog Description (Fall 2022 Undergraduate Catalog)***

This course familiarizes students with the institutions and constitutional framework of the United States and Missouri. The course emphasis is on the values, rights, and responsibilities that shape the public decision making of active and informed citizens and influence contemporary public affairs in a democratic society.