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POLSC 321

KANSAS POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

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TUESDAY/THURSDAY 11:30 A.M. - 12:45 P.M.

THIS COURSE IS DESIGNED AS AN INTRODUCTION TO THE POLITICAL HISTORY; INSTITUTIONS; SITUATIONS; BEHAVIORS; SYSTEMS; AND THE POLITICAL PLAYERS IN KANSAS GOVERNMENT. THE COURSE WILL REVIEW KANSAS STATE GOVERNMENT AND ANALYZE DECISIONS AND PROCESSES CONSIDERING MULTIPLE FACTORS BOTH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL TO KANSAS.

THE COURSE WILL BE AN EXTENSIVE EXAMINATION OF THE THREE BRANCHES OF STATE GOVERNMENT. IN ADDITION, THE COURSE WILL LOOK AT LOCAL AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS, POLITICS, AND OTHER SYSTEMS OR FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE DECISION-MAKING AND POLICIES IN KANSAS. THE COURSE WILL ALSO LOOK CAMPAIGNS IN KANSAS DURING THE ELECTION CYCLE.

