



STARK STATE COLLEGE

GENERAL SYLLABUS

Course Information

Course Name: State and Local Government
Course Number: PSC221

Required Materials

Textbook(s): None
Required Readings: See weekly calendar below
Additional Materials: Optional materials are posted on the LMS

Course Outline/Calendar

The date of coverage and order of coverage may be modified based on the faculty member and events beyond the control of faculty members that interfere with class times and teaching.

Week	Chapter/Topic/Lab
1	Reading assignments and topic(s): American Government-Delivering Collective Action: State and Local Government (OER Commons) Lesson 1, "State and Local Government Basics" https://oercommons.org/courseware/lesson/17728/student
2	Reading assignments and topic(s): American Government-Delivering Collective Action: State and Local Government (OER Commons) Lesson 2, "State Power and Delegation" https://oercommons.org/courseware/lesson/15266/student/ Adewunmi, Yemi, "Federalism: Balancing State v. Federal Powers," https://pluralpolicy.com/blog/state-vs-federal-powers/
3	Reading assignments and topic(s): American Government-Delivering Collective Action: State and Local Government (OER Commons) https://oercommons.org/courseware/lesson/15267/student/ , Lesson 3, "State Political Culture" "A Comparison of Living Standards Across the States of America," Federal Reserve System website https://www.federalreserve.gov/econres/notes/feds-notes/a-comparison-of-living-standards-across-the-states-of-america ,
4	Reading assignments and topic(s): "Basic Information on Ohio Politics #2: The 'Five Ohios,'" The University of Akron Bliss Institute website https://www.uakron.edu/bliss/research/biop-2-the-five-ohios.dot Kotkin, Joel, "Why It's All About Ohio: The Five Nations of American Politics," NewGeography website (11/8/2012) https://www.newgeography.com/content/003211-why-its-all-about-ohio-the-five-nations-american-politics?page=1

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5	Reading assignments and topic(s): "Ohio History Timeline," eReference Desk website https://www.ereferencedesk.com/resources/state-history-timeline/ohio.html
6	Reading assignments and topic(s): American Government-Delivering Collective Action: State and Local Government (OER Commons) Lesson 4, "Governors and State Legislatures" https://oercommons.org/courseware/lesson/15268/student/ "State Legislatures: An Explainer," Rock the Vote website https://www.rockthevote.org/explainers/state-legislatures/ "Indivisible States: How State Legislatures Work," Indivisible website https://indivisible.org/resource/indivisible-states-how-state-legislatures-work
7	Reading assignments and topic(s): "Governor of Ohio," Ballotpedia website https://ballotpedia.org/Governor_of_Ohio Yost, Russell, "List of Ohio Governors," The History Junkie website (published 10/22/2021; modified 11/2/2023) https://thehistoryjunkie.com/list-of-ohio-governors/ "Cabinet," Governor of Ohio website https://governor.ohio.gov/administration/cabinet
8	Midterm Examination; assign Local Government Project
9	Reading assignments and topic(s): "The Legislative Process," The Ohio Legislature website https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/publications/the-legislative-process American Government-Delivering Collective Action: State and Local Government (OER Commons) Lesson 5, "State Legislative Term Limits" https://oercommons.org/courseware/lesson/15269/student/ Ohio Redistricting Website https://www.redistricting.ohio.gov/ <i>Moore v. Harper</i> , 600 U.S. ____ (2023) <i>Reynolds v. Sims</i> , 377 U.S. 533 (1964)
10	Reading assignments and topic(s): "How a Bill Becomes a Law," The Ohio Senate website https://ohiosenate.gov/about/how-a-bill-becomes-a-law Ohio Legislative Service Commission website https://www.lsc.ohio.gov/
11	Reading assignments and topic(s): "Judicial System Structure: Ohio Judicial Structure," The Supreme Court of Ohio website https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/courts/judicial-system/judicial-system-structure/ "Courts in Ohio, Ballotpedia website https://ballotpedia.org/Courts_in_Ohio "Judicial Selection in the States," Ballotpedia website https://ballotpedia.org/Judicial_selection_in_the_states "Supreme Court Justices Overview: State of Ohio Supreme Court Justices," The Supreme Court of Ohio website https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/courts/judicial-system/supreme-court-of-ohio/justices-overview/
12	Reading assignments and topic(s): American Government-Delivering Collective Action: State and Local Government (OER Commons) Lesson 6, County and City Government https://oercommons.org/courseware/lesson/15270/student/ Keller, Lawrence F., "Municipal Forms of Government: An Overview with Commentary," Cleveland Heights Charter Review Commission (December 2017)
13	Reading assignment and topic: Nwazota, Kristina, "Third Parties in the U.S. Political Process," PBS News (published 7/6/20024; updated 9/20/2021) https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/politics-july-dec04-third_parties
14	Complete and submit Local Government Project
15	Reading assignment and topic: "Initiative and Referendum Process," PBS Learning Media website https://ideastream.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/initiative-and-referendum-civics-101/video-civics-101/
16	Comprehensive Final Examination