A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3
Lecture Hours/Week: 0
Lab Hours/Week: 0
OJT Hours/Week: *.*
Prerequisites: None
Corequisites: None
MnTC Goals: None

Using Minnesota politics as a central focus, the role of and function of state and local governments in the context of American federalism is examined.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 08/20/2022 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Course covers the constitutional context for state and local governments in the United States. It explores the varying perspectives on the role and function of state and local governments by looking at key policy debates, state constitutional designs, the legislative, executive and judicial powers in state governments, as well as citizen involvement through interest groups, political parties, political movements and elections.

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. compare state finances and tax policies.
2. analyze state-level legislative processes.
3. explain the responsibilities of state and local governments in the United States.
4. outline the role of political parties and interest groups.
5. outline the state role in healthcare.
6. analyze political attitudes and participation as they relate to state politics.
7. show how Minnesota politics are unique from those in other states.
8. show how Minnesota politics fit a larger pattern of developments in state and local politics.
9. compare leadership at the state and local levels.
10. summarize the role of federalism in the United States.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted