

## **SS 118 Principles of Political Science Course Learning Objectives**

CLO 1: Discuss the relationships between the federal, state, and local governments.

CLO 2: An understanding of the establishment of political parties and their influence on the political system.

CLO 3: Define municipal and state policies and laws, who creates them, and why they differ across to city and how they compare state to state

CLO 4: Analyze the Massachusetts statewide policies and how the Federal Government influences them.

### **PREREQUISITE or COREQUISITE**

No Pre-requisite. This course surveys the theory and practice of politics and its organizational structure in society. Topics include the nature of political power and influence; the role of ideology; constitutions and other law as the basis for legitimate political authority; legislative, judicial, and executive functions of government; foreign policies and international politics; political parties and other interest groups; elections and other forms of political participation.