



### **Course Description**

#### **POS2112 | State and Local Government in America | 3.00 credits**

The typical state and local government organization, together with political practices in America, with special emphasis on the governmental organization and the major contemporary political problems of the State of Florida and of Florida communities.

### **Course competencies:**

**Competency 1:** The student will analyze the typical state and local government organization by:

1. identifying the key components of state and local government structures in America
2. comparing and contrasting the political practices at the state and local levels
3. evaluating the impact of governmental organizations on the delivery of public services in Florida course

**Competency 2:** The student will investigate the major contemporary political problems of the state of Florida and Florida communities by:

1. Researching current political issues at the state and local levels.
2. Examining the factors contributing to the emergence of these political problems.
3. Formulating potential solutions to address the identified political challenges.

**Competency 3:** The student will understand the relationship between political practices in America and the state of Florida by:

1. Exploring the historical context of political practices in America and their influence on Florida's governance
2. Analyzing the interplay between federal, state, and local governments in addressing contemporary political issues
3. Assessing the implications of political practices on the lives of citizens in Florida communities

### **Learning Outcomes:**

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information