



NORTHWEST
NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

America Legion Gem Boys State May 31 -June 5, 2026

POLS1000

Introduction to American Government Course Syllabus

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Offered in conjunction with Boys State, a one-week program designed as a leadership action experience, which allows self-participation in the election and legislative process of American government.

Note: This course (2 credits) counts toward elective credits but not toward major field requirements.

EVALUATION PROCEDURE: Pass/Fail

TUITION COST: \$150. Due at time of registration.

EDUCATIONAL GOALS FOR THE COURSE:

- ✓ Introduction to American government
- ✓ Gain knowledge of the role of the legislature in society to value the processes of a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.
- ✓ Learn the source, structure, appropriation, and effect of state finances.

INSTRUCTIONAL LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Student will learn and practice skills in -

Political party participation

Political campaign participation

Legislative process

House/Senate organization

Caucus procedures

Candidate selection

Drafting legislation

Platform formulation

Election procedures

Passing legislation

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ Attend and participate in all classes and activities of Boys State
- ✓ Successfully complete all assignments in and outside of class based on recommendation of the instructor
- ✓ Attend special sessions on **TBD**

COURSE INFORMATION:

- ✓ At the end of the course, you will receive a pass/fail grade which will be entered on a permanent NNU transcript. Additional transcript copies may be requested online at nnu.edu/concurrentcredit.
- ✓ NNU credits are transferable; however, it is recommended that you check with your potential college to ensure that the credits will transfer.
- ✓ Accreditation information: Northwest Nazarene University is fully accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education programs, the National Association of Schools of Music, the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs, the Council on Social Work Education, and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

REGISTRATION:

- ✓ *Register online at nnu.edu/concurrentcredit select "credit card" payment option to be directed to a secure online payment portal to complete your registration and payment of \$150.
- ✓ **Payment is required at time of registration to be enrolled in the course.**
- ✓ **For more information:** NNU Concurrent Credit - concurrent@nnu.edu, 208-467-8545

**Advanced Opportunities Funding is no longer eligible for this course*