

Roxbury Community College
Social Sciences Course Outcomes

SSI 119: Introduction to US Government and Politics

Outcomes	Activities	Assessment
<p>Upon completion of this introductory course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Describe the structure, conduct and performance of the government of the United States ➤ Describe the historical evolution of the US Constitution ➤ Describe the three branches of the federal government and their functions ➤ Explain federalism and states' rights ➤ Detail the scope of state and local government responsibilities ➤ Understand the role of the citizen/voter ➤ Explain the role of lobbyists 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Utilize a variety of instructional strategies including but not limited to: lectures, discussion, online resources ➤ Student debates on controversial political issues ➤ Research training in the Library on using government websites and academic resources related to assignments ➤ Guest speakers from the political arena ➤ Visits to the State House and City Hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ An informative short research paper explaining a branch or aspect of government ➤ Mid-term and final examinations ➤ Team presentations ➤ In-class writing focusing on immediate understanding of concepts