This course covers the origin, principles, organization and functions of the American political system. It examines the legislative, executive and judicial branches in the United States as well as the nature and purposes of the nation-state in a democratically oriented society. Topics covered include the Constitution, civil liberties and civil rights, the three branches of government, political parties, elections, and appropriate comparisons to Illinois Government. This course is of interest both to persons planning to pursue a baccalaureate degree and other persons interested in increasing their understanding of the American system of government.
Offered: Fall or Spring
Applicable toward graduation at Sandburg where program structure permits:
Degree or Certificate: AA, AS, AFA, AAS, AGS, and Certificates where applicable. IAI Course No. S5 900
General Education – Social Science

**POS.223 State & Local Government**

This course presents a study of the institutions, functions, problems, and politics at the state and local levels of government in the United States. It meets the Illinois state law requirement concerning constitutional proficiency. The course is of interest to the student of political science and the social sciences. This course would also benefit those serving at various levels of state and local government.
Offered: Spring
Applicable toward graduation at Sandburg where program structure permits:
Degree or Certificate: AA, AS, AFA, AAS, AGS, and Certificates where applicable. IAI Course No. S5 902
General Education – Social Science

**POS.228 International Relations**

This course surveys the factors determining the relations between nations including the history of international relations, the concepts of national power and national interests, and the processes of implementing foreign policy. This course is of relevance to the student of political science or the social sciences or anyone interested in the study of world politics.
Offered: Spring
Prerequisites: POS.122
Applicable toward graduation at Sandburg where program structure permits:
Degree or Certificate: AA, AS, AFA, AAS, AGS, and Certificates where applicable. IAI Course No. S5 904N
General Education – Social Science

**POS.267 Comparative Government**

This is a comparative study of the governmental organizations, political behavior and decision-making processes of Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia, China and Japan. Selected developing nations are surveyed less intensively for purposes of contrast. This course is appropriate for a student planning to pursue a bachelor’s degree with a major or minor in political science. Also, it is a course of interest to the individual who desires to develop a better understanding of various forms of government.
Offered: As Needed
Prerequisites: POS.122
Applicable toward graduation at Sandburg where program structure permits:
Degree or Certificate: AA, AS, AFA, AAS, AGS, and Certificates where applicable. IAI Course No. S5 905
General Education – Social Science