

Minnesota State University Moorhead

POL 328: The Media and Politics

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites:

POL 120 - American National Government and Politics

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

The media's role in politics, including relations between the media and government.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 06/01/1995 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Role of the news media in representative democracy
2. Influence of private ownership in U.S. media
3. Changes in the news media due to the Internet
4. Media and political socialization
5. Relationship between media and government
6. The role of media in U.S. elections
7. The role of media in policymaking

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Students identify and explain influences on media decisions on what is news and how it is covered.
2. Students explore and assess alternative media sources available from the Internet.
3. Students analyze the impact of the news media in elections and policy making.
4. Students research and write a paper answering a question from one of the topics covered by the class.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted