

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## **POL 322: Executive and Legislative Process**

### **A. COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Legislative and executive decision-making and organization. Relationships between the two branches and with other parts of government, political parties, and the political process.

### **B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 02/20/1999 - Present

### **C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS**

1. Constitutional basis for Legislative and Executive Branches
2. Powers and structure of each branch
3. Conflict and compromise in today's polarized political environment
4. Congressional elections and their effect on governance
5. Presidential elections and their effect on governance
6. Law-Making and the need for compromise on domestic policy across chambers and branches
7. Presidential dominance in foreign policy

### **D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)**

1. Students understand the relationship between Congress and the president and how this relationship is shaped by the U.S. Constitution as well as current politics.
2. Students can explain the powers of both branches and how those powers influence domestic and foreign policymaking.
3. Students can explain how elections affect how Congress and the President govern.
4. Students can identify the influences within government and from outside of government on presidential and congressional decisionmaking.
5. Students research and write a paper addressing a question related to 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