Political Science 150: Introduction to American Government and Policy. This course introduces students to the study of American government and politics. In five short weeks, the course covers a wide range of topics, including the American presidency, the Supreme Court, political parties, and interest groups. Students will gain an understanding of the institutions and processes of the American political system, as well as the role of citizens in the democratic process. The course includes lectures, readings, and discussions, as well as a final exam and a project designed to help students apply their knowledge to real-world situations.

The course is taught by Dr. Steven Reti, and is offered in the Spring semester. The textbook for the course is "American Government: Political Development and Politics Today: Essentials 2017-2018" by John A. Straayer, Robert D. Wrinkle, and T. David Wilson. The course meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-2:15 PM in room 409 of the Science Building.

For more information, please visit the course website at [American Government and Policy](http://www.american-gov.com).
The United States is a federal republic in which the President, Congress and federal courts share powers reserved to the national government, according to its Constitution. The federal government shares sovereignty with the state governments.

In American politics, the Democratic Party is commonly known as the Democratic Party. This course will serve as an introduction to American government and politics. We will focus on several major themes in the course's five constituent units.