

Course:

POLSC 3300 Public Opinion

4 hours

Majors, Minors & Degrees:

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Political Science (B.A., B.S.)

Departments/Programs:

Political Science

In democracies, the attitudes and beliefs of the public are expected to influence government policy and action. The formation and expression of public opinions, therefore, is central to understanding democratic governance. This course examines public opinion in contemporary America. We will discuss how attitudes can be conceptualized and measured, how they form, how Americans evaluate key public policies, and the influence these attitudes have on government operation.

Pre-requisite(s): POLSC 1010 Intro U.S.Govt/Politics: Civic Engagemt or POLSC 1010FYW Intro To U.S. Govt/Politics; POLSC 2000 Introduction to Political Science Statistics or equivalent statistics course approved by instructor.