Nebraska Wesleyan University

POLSC 3300 Public Opinion

Catalog

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Course Description

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 United States Government and Politics or POLSC 1010FYW United States Government and Politics.

Archway Curriculum: Integrative Core: Democracy Thread

Course Hours

4 hours

Departments

1. Political Science