



# Wayne County Community College District

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### AAS 131 American Government & The African-American Struggle

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**CREDIT HOURS:** 4.00

**CONTACT HOURS:** 60.00

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course provides reviews the foundation, structure and function of American government. A critical inspection of city, state, and federal government operations, their responsiveness to the needs of African-Americans and other minorities is also discussed.

**PREREQUISITES:** NONE

**EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:**

Upon completion of this course, the student will be familiar with:

- The function of politics in the community
- The process of political socialization
- The various types of political systems
- The function of the major branches of government
- The process of social/political change
- How public policy is influenced and created
- The role of the courts in African-American political life
- The role of education in the struggle for political equality

**ASSESSMENT METHODS:**

Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

**GRADING SCALE:**

90%-100% = A  
80%-89.9%= B  
70%-79.9%= C  
60%-69.9%= D  
<60% = E