COURSE INFORMATION FORM

DISCIPLINE: Political Science
COURSE TITLE: The Missouri Constitution

CR.HR. 1 LECT HR. 1 LAB HR. CLIN/INTERN HR. CLOCK HR.

CATALOG DESCRIPTION
Directed Study of the Missouri Constitution. This course fulfills the state constitution requirement.

PREREQUISITES
None

EXPECTED STUDENT OUTCOMES IN THE COURSE
Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:
1. Demonstrate a working knowledge of the current Missouri constitution.
2. Successfully complete the Missouri Constitution examination.
CLASS-LEVEL ASSESSMENT MEASURES

Student accomplishment of expected student outcomes will be assessed using the following measures. (Identify which measures are used to assess which outcomes.)

1. Capstone Missouri Constitution examination (1,2)

PROGRAM-LEVEL OUTCOMES ADDRESSED

General Education Outcomes
Specify which general education outcomes, if any, are substantially addressed by the course by completing the “Course/Program Assessment Matrix” to show the relationship between course and program outcomes and assessment measures.

Occupational Program Outcomes
Specify which occupational program outcomes, if any, are substantially addressed by the course by completing the “Course/Program Assessment Matrix” to show the relationship between course and program outcomes to assessment measures.
Individual instructors may order this outline as fits the needs of their individual courses. In addition, they may place more emphasis on some areas than on others. What is assured is that this particular list is covered in the course. Other topics may be added to a course as the instructor sees fit, and as time and interest allow. An *asterisk can be used to mark an item as optional.

I. Missouri constitutional history
   A. 1819 origins and constitutional convention
   B. 1865 amendments and revisions

II. Constitutional structure
    A. Comparison with United States Constitution and other state documents
    B. Breakdown of articles and provisions

III. Political districts and demographic divisions
     A. County and state districts
     B. Federal electoral districts

IV. Missouri Bill of Rights
    A. Differences with Federal Bill of Rights
    B. Specific trial, due process and habeas corpus laws

V. Legislative Branch
    A. House of Representatives
    B. State Senate
    C. Operations of the General Assembly

VI. How legislation is passed
    A. Similarities and differences with federal process
    B. Role of the governor creating laws

VII. Initiative and referendum

VIII. Executive Branch
      A. Governor
      B. Other elected officials
      C. Impeachment process
      D. Appointed officials

IX. Judiciary branch
    A. Missouri Supreme Court
    B. Other state courts
    C. Judicial selection process

X. Local, county and special governmental bodies
A. Local government creation and relationship to state government
B. County government creation and relationship to state government
C. Municipalities
D. Special districts – creation and services

XI. Voting and elections
A. Eligibility and registration of voters
B. Primary, general and special elections

XII. Amendment process
A. Proposing new amendments
B. Ratification process

XIII. State symbols