

GACE® Political Science Assessment Test I (032) Curriculum Crosswalk

Required Coursework Numbers

Subarea I. Institutions (national, state, and local) (60%)								
Objective 1: Understands the structure and functions of United States institutions								
A. Knows the structure and functions of the legislative branch, including the differences between the House of Representatives and the Senate, with emphasis on terms of office, powers, organization, leadership, and representation of each house								
B. Describes the legislative process, including the roles played by committees and leadership								
C. Understands the structure and functions of the executive branch, including the constitutional powers of the president, the various roles of the president, and the organization of the executive office of the president								
D. Understands the structure and functions of the judicial branch								
E. Knows the structure and functions of the federal bureaucracy								
F. Explains the impeachment process and how it is used								
Objective 2: Understands the structure and functions of Georgia institutions								
A. Demonstrates knowledge of the organization of government described in the Georgia Constitution								

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B. Demonstrates knowledge of the structures and functions of Georgia's state and local governments								
Subarea II. Citizenship and Politics (40%)								
Objective 1: Understands fundamental concepts of citizenship, elections, and socialization								
A. Describes the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, including participation in civic life								
B. Demonstrates knowledge of local, state, and national elections								
C. Demonstrates knowledge of political socialization								
Objective 2: Understands fundamental concepts of parties, interest groups, and the media								
A. Describes the organization, role, and constituencies of political parties								
B. Knows the characteristics and functions of interest groups								
C. Knows the role and influence of the media on United States politics								