

CENTER FOR SELF GOVERNANCE

School of Societal Self Governance



Training Course Catalog 2026



CSG CERTIFICATIONS

for the Systematic Practitioner



APPRENTICE CERTIFICATION

Complete six (6) of the following Apprentice Classes:

1. Poli-Ticks: Living a Politically Disease-Free Life	8. State - Executive
2. Partisan Politics: The Evolution of Polarization	9. State - Judicial
3. Systematic Politics: The Evolution of Cooperation	10. School Government
4. History of Self Governance	11. City Government
5. Foundations in Self Governance	12. County Government
6. State - Introduction	13. Regional Government
7. State - Legislature	

STEP ONE

APPRENTICE

JOURNEYMAN CERTIFICATION

1. Complete the Apprenticeship Certification
2. Complete the following Journeyman Classes in order:

Block 1 - Introduction to Systematic Politics & Training Exercises
Block 2 - Competitive Systematic Politics & Training Exercises
Block 3 - Advanced Competitive Advanced Systematic Politics & Training Exercises

STEP TWO

JOURNEYMAN

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

1. Complete the Apprenticeship Certification
2. Complete the Journeyman Certification
3. Complete the following Professional Classes in order:

Block 4 - Systematic Team Development & Training Exercises
Block 5 - The Art of Political Chess: Game Theory & Training Exercises
Block 6 - The Art of Political Chess: Outside Gaming & Training Exercises
Block 7 - The Art of Political Chess: Inside Gaming & Training Exercises
Block 8 - Systematic Messaging & Training Exercises

STEP THREE

PROFESSIONAL



Foundations in Self Governance

(3 hours/In-Person, Live-Online or Self-Paced)

Tuition: \$40 per student/Self-Paced \$25

This is our original Foundational Civics course. Students will learn basic Government Structures, understand concepts of Power, System, and Control, and identify jurisdictional boundaries and controls.

History of Self Governance

(3 hours/In-Person, Live-Online or Self-Paced)

Tuition: \$40 per student/Self-Paced \$25

This class will examine how various concepts and practices of individual, relational, and societal self-governance have developed over time, its successes and limitations, and its ongoing relevance in modern societies.

Systematic Politics: The Evolution of Cooperation

(3 hours/In-Person, Live-Online or Self-Paced)

Tuition: \$40 per student/Self-Paced \$25

This course explores the evolution of systematic politics in the U.S., from pre-Civil War abolitionism and post-war social science convergence to the early 20th-century Progressive movement's alignment with social science. It examines how the Progressive agenda, presented as non-partisan and scientific, drove significant structural changes in the U.S. government.

Partisan Politics: The Evolution of Polarization

(3 hours/In-Person, Live-Online or Self-Paced)

Tuition: \$40 per student/Self-Paced \$25

This course explores the evolution of the American political system, beginning with George Washington's Farewell Address and the formation of the party system. It covers key developments such as the emergence of the Democratic and Republican parties, the impact of the Civil War on politics, the rise of the Progressive Party, and the transformation of partisan politics from the 1950s to the present.

Poli-Ticks: Living a Politically Disease-Free Life

(3 hours/In-Person, Live-Online or Self-Paced)

Tuition: \$40 per student/Self-Paced \$25

This course introduces the foundational concepts of politics, distinguishing between personal and impersonal politics, as well as partisan and systematic politics. It also covers the basics of government structures and explains how government decisions impact individuals on a personal level.

School Government

(2 hours/In-Person or Online)

Tuition: \$40 per student

This is a two hour overview of *school government* structures, as defined by your state constitution and laws, that affect your educational stakeholder responsibilities.

City Government

(2 hours/In-Person or Online)

Tuition: \$40 per student

This is a two hour overview of *city government* structures, as defined by your state constitution and laws, that affect your local stakeholder responsibilities.

County Government

(2 hours/In-Person or Online)

Tuition: \$40 per student

This is a two hour overview of *county government* structures, as defined by your state constitution and laws, that affect your *political participation and influence* at every level of government.

Regional Government

(2 hours/In-Person or Online)

Tuition: \$40 per student

This is a two hour overview of *regional government* structures, as defined by your state constitution and laws, that affect your *regional stakeholder responsibilities*.

State Constitution Classes (Online/Live)

(4 classes/2 hours each)

The state constitution study program exposes the student to 1) the state's organization of control between elected, appointed, and employed governing; 2) distribution of power between the departments of state government; and 3) the legal subdivisions within the state.

Tuition: \$40 per student per class

Optional state-specific workbook is an additional fee.

- 1. Introduction to Your State Constitution:** Learn your State's connection to the U.S. Constitution, the creation of Your State's Constitution, and its Preamble and Article 1.
- 2. Legislative Department:** Learn the structure and operation of your State's Legislative Branch.
- 3. Executive Department:** Learn the structure and operation of your State's Executive Branch.
- 4. Judicial Department:** Learn the structure and operation of your State's Judicial Branch.



BLOCK 1: Introduction to Systematic Politics

(3 hours/In-Person or Online)

Tuition: \$75 per student; Workbook included

Prerequisites: Completion of CSG Apprentice Certification

This course aims to help students understand the self as the foundation for influencing others, view politics as a routine and non-negative human activity, and see government as a system for managing relationships. It also covers the evolution of government boundaries, the shift from Dual to Cooperative federalism in the U.S., and applies these concepts to real-world situations through practical exercises.

BLOCK 2: Competitive Systematic Politics

(3 hours/In-Person or Online)

Tuition: \$75 per student; Workbook included

Prerequisites: Intro to Systematic Politics & Training Exercise Completion

This course aims to explore how abolition, social science, and Progressivism before and after the Civil War contributed to the development of Systematic Politics and the Marble Cake Revolution in U.S. governance. It also examines the mid-20th century creation of Systematic Politics, its infrastructure, and the shift from Layer Cake to Cooperative federalism, with practical applications through training exercises.

BLOCK 3: Advanced Competitive Systematic Politics

(3 hours/In-Person or Online)

Tuition: \$75 per student; Workbook included

Prerequisites: Competitive Systematic Politics & Training Exercise Completion

This course examines the influence of abolition, social science, and Progressivism on the development of Systematic Politics and the Marble Cake Revolution in U.S. governance. It also delves into the mid-20th century creation of Systematic Politics, the shift to Cooperative federalism, and applies these concepts through practical exercises.

**CSG has limited prerecorded classes available online.
Please check out our Vimeo page for more
information.**

<https://vimeo.com/selfgov>

Block 4 - Systematic Team Development

(4 hours/In-Person or Online)

Tuition: \$100 per student

This course provides Journeyman Systematic Practitioners with a comprehensive understanding of how to build, lead, and participate in high-performing Systematic teams across various contexts.

Block 5 - The Art of Political Chess: Game Theory

(4 hours/In-Person or Online)

Tuition: \$100 per student

This course provides Journeyman Systematic Practitioners with an introduction to game theory as a systematic approach to modeling strategic interactions inside and outside government systems.

Block 6 - The Art of Political Chess: Outside Gaming

(4 hours/In-Person or Online)

Tuition: \$100 per student

This course provides Journeyman Systematic Practitioners with a comprehensive overview of the external culture, rules, and cycles around constituents within multiple levels of governments and separation of controls.

Block 7 - The Art of Political Chess: Inside Gaming

(4 hours/In-Person or Online)

Tuition: \$100 per student

This course provides Journeyman Systematic Practitioners with a comprehensive overview of the internal culture, rules, and cycles within multiple levels of governments and separation of controls.

Block 8 - Systematic Messaging

(4 hours/In-Person or Online)

Tuition: \$100 per student

This course will provide the Journeyman Systematic Practitioner with the skills to successfully communicate systematic political narratives within a partisan political arena.