

POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

POLS 101 Introduction to Political Science (3.0 Units)

An introduction to political science designed to familiarize students with basic political concepts, political ideologies, political systems, and subfields within political science. Presents a comprehensive survey of the study of political science, modern political ideologies and movements, participation, institutions of government, political issues and foreign affairs of nation-states around the world. C-ID: POLS 150.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

POLS 102 Introduction to American Government And Politics (3.0 Units)

Examines the workings of our complex system of American government, including: national, California state, and local levels (with emphasis on the national level). This survey will focus on the historical and contemporary development of our Constitution, political institutions, citizen participation, politics, and policies. Examines the causes, consequences, and possible solutions to significant problems in contemporary America. C-ID: POLS 110.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

POLS 103 State and Local Government (3.0 Units)

An introduction to the study of the American political system at the state and local levels of government. Examines the workings of our complex system of federalism by focusing on contemporary state and local government institutions, citizen participation, political problems, politics, and policies. Emphasis is given to the analysis of California political issues, politics and government.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

POLS 110 Introduction to International Relations (3.0 Units)

An introduction to the analysis of the historical development and contemporary setting of political relations between and among nation-states, trans-national movements, and international organizations. Introduces the analytical approaches to the study of world affairs and theories of international conflict and cooperation. Explores the variety of governmental and non-governmental entities on the world stage today, their foreign policy goals and interests, and instruments and uses of power. Examines contemporary issues confronting the global community and the historical development and uses of international law and organizations. C-ID: POLS 140.

Recommended Preparation: ENGL 101.0

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

POLS 112 Introduction to Comparative Government And Politics (3.0 Units)

Comparative analysis of different kinds of political systems, including their history, political institutions, processes and policies, the environments in which they occur, and their consequences. C-ID: POLS 130.

Recommended Preparation: ENGL 101.0

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

POLS 113 Politics of Middle East and North Africa (3.0 Units)

This course will examine the Middle East and North Africa through a comparative politics perspective. This will include an examination of the following items: an overview of the region's histories, geographies, peoples, cultures, religions and languages; the fundamentals of the Islamic and Judaic belief systems; current events such as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the War in Iraq and other real and potential geopolitical conflicts. Grade option.

Recommended Preparation: ENGL 101.0

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

POLS 114 Introduction to Political Theory and Thought (3.0 Units)

Examination of various theoretical approaches to politics, with a focus on conceptions of the "common good" and distributive justice, the nature of rights, the significance of "equality" and "liberty". Analysis of selected political theories and of the relevance of theory to contemporary themes and global challenges, e.g. same-sex marriage, racial justice, economic inequality, health care, war and violence, immigration, debt cancellation, immigration, climate change, international law. Crosslisted with PHIL 114.

C-ID: POLS 120.

Recommended Preparation: ENGL 101.0

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

POLS 129 Independent Study (1-3 Units)

Assigned projects involving research, directed study, internship hours or study abroad opportunities for students who are interested in furthering their knowledge in political science on an independent study basis.

Enrollment limited to those who meet independent study criteria. Prior to registration, a contract must be prepared. See instructors for details.

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

POLS 138 Cooperative Education Political Science (1-8 Units)

This course is designed for students who are cross-training at their current worksite for upward mobility or possible career changes, as well as those looking for entry-level occupational training through work-based learning experiences. Students must have a co-op approved worksite to enroll in this class and establish new learning objectives.

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

POLS 206 Introduction to Environmental Policy and Natural Resource Management (3.0 Units)

This course examines American environmental policy and how natural resources are managed. The historical, global, and ethical dimensions of how our society relates to the environment are analyzed from an interdisciplinary perspective.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

POLS 217 Introduction to Social Sciences Research Methods (3.0 Units)

This course surveys the research methods employed in the social sciences. Research design, experimental procedures, descriptive methods, instrumentation, and the collection, interpretation, and reporting of research data, and the ethics of research are introduced.

Prerequisite(s): SOC 101, Minimum grade C

Recommended Preparation: MATH 120

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

POLS 221 Model United Nations (3.0 Units)

The course introduces students to the theory and practice of international diplomacy through participation in Model United Nations simulations. The course focuses on the history, structure, and functions of the United Nations; international bargaining and diplomacy; conflict resolution; researching and writing position papers and resolutions; and public speaking. Students are not required to attend a Model United Nations Conference.

Recommended Preparation: ENGL 101.0

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only