

# POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLIT)

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## POLIT 100 3 Units

### American Politics

**Lecture:** 54 contact hours

**Advisory:** ENGL 015 or eligibility for ENGL 101 as determined by SBVC assessment process and READ 015.

This course is a basic introduction to American politics that is designed to meet requirements in United States and California constitution and government with primary emphasis on the American national government. Topics covered include the political philosophy of democracy and constitutionalism; the specific provisions of the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights; the operations of national political institutions including Congress, the President, and the Supreme Court; the role of political parties; and an overview of California government and politics.

**Associate Degree Applicable**

**Transfers to both UC/CSU**

**C-ID:** POLS 110

## POLIT 110 3 Units

### Introduction to Political Theory

**Lecture:** 54 contact hours

**Advisory:** ENGL 015 or eligibility for ENGL 101 or ENGL 101H as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

This course is a survey of Western political thought from classical times to the contemporary period. The course explores such controversial topics as the nature of justice, the morality of political deception and violence, the proper limits of governmental power, the virtues (and challenges) of political diversity, and the future of the bourgeois state in an era of globalization.

**Associate Degree Applicable**

**Transfers to both UC/CSU**

**C-ID:** POLS 120

## POLIT 110H 3 Units

### Introduction to Political Theory - Honors

**Lecture:** 54 contact hours

**Advisory:** ENGL 015 or eligibility for ENGL 101 or ENGL 101H as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

This course is a survey of Western political thought from classical times to the contemporary period. The course utilizes selected primary texts to explore such controversial topics as the nature of justice, the morality of political deception and violence, the proper limits of governmental power, the virtues (and challenges) of political diversity, and the future of the bourgeois state in an era of globalization. This course is intended for students in the Honors Program but is open to all students who desire more challenging course work.

**Associate Degree Applicable**

**Transfers to both UC/CSU**

**C-ID:** POLS 120

## POLIT 138 3 Units

### Service Learning: Student Leadership

**Lecture:** 18 contact hours

**Lab:** 108 contact hours

**Advisory:** ENGL 015 or eligibility for ENGL 101 or ENGL 101H as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

This course is a service-learning course designed for the development of leadership skills through participation in student government or other campus activities. The topics covered include community college governance, collaborative problem solving, student issues, methods of effective advocacy, parliamentary procedures, relevant laws, and the challenges and opportunities of social diversity.

**Associate Degree Applicable**

**Transfers to CSU only**

## POLIT 138H 3 Units

### Service Learning: Student Leadership - Honors

**Lecture:** 18 contact hours

**Lab:** 108 contact hours

**Advisory:** ENGL 015 or eligibility for ENGL 101 or ENGL 101H as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

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**Associate Degree Applicable**

**Transfers to CSU only**

## POLIT 139 3 Units

### Service Learning: Community Leadership

**Lecture:** 18 contact hours

**Lab:** 108 contact hours

**Advisory:** ENGL 015 or eligibility for ENGL 101 or ENGL 101H as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

This course is a service-learning course designed for the development of leadership skills through participation in community affairs on the federal, state, and local levels. The topics covered include street-level politics, coalition-building, direct and indirect lobbying, mass media communications, multicultural relations, legal requirements, and other aspects of civic involvement.

**Associate Degree Applicable**

**Transfers to both UC/CSU**

## POLIT 139H 3 Units

### Service Learning: Community Leadership - Honors

**Lecture:** 18 contact hours

**Lab:** 108 contact hours

**Advisory:** ENGL 015 or eligibility for ENGL 101 or ENGL 101H as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

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**POLIT 140 3 Units**

**Introduction to Comparative Politics**

**Lecture:** 54 contact hours

**Advisory:** READ 100 or eligibility for ENGL 101 or ENGL 101H as determined by the SBVC assessment process

This introductory course compares different political systems to evaluate their similarities and dissimilarities with respect to their corresponding political institutions and processes. Themes covered include presidential versus parliamentary democratic governance; authoritarian versus democratic regimes; patterns of state involvement in the political economy; society and citizen participation through interest groups, political parties and elections.

**Associate Degree Applicable**

**Transfers to both UC/CSU**

**C-ID:** POLS 130

**POLIT 141 3 Units**

**Introduction to World Politics**

**Lecture:** 54 contact hours

**Advisory:** ENGL 015 or eligibility for ENGL 101 or ENGL 101H as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

This introductory course in world politics (international relations) surveys the principal actors, issues and processes involved in international relations. It includes paradigms and approaches in the study of world politics; foreign policy; issues of war and peace; international organizations; international law; globalization; international political economy, including global financial and trade institutions; human rights; and the global environment with respect to sustainable development.

**Associate Degree Applicable**

**Transfers to both UC/CSU**

**C-ID:** POLS 140

**POLIT 141H 3 Units**

**Introduction to World Politics - Honors**

**Lecture:** 54 contact hours

**Advisory:** ENGL 015 or eligibility for ENGL 101 or ENGL 101H as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

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**Associate Degree Applicable**

**Transfers to both UC/CSU**

**C-ID:** POLS 140

**POLIT 222 1-3 Units**

**Independent Study in Political Science**

**DIR:** 162 contact hours

Students with previous course work in Political Science may do assigned projects involving research and analysis of selected topics. This independent study is for students who are interested in furthering their knowledge of Political Science and related fields. Student work may include but not be limited to readings, research, projects, intern assignments and conferences. Prior to registration, a contract must be prepared jointly by the instructor and the student.

**Associate Degree Applicable**

**Transfers to CSU only**