

POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Political Science Department offers courses satisfying general education requirements for an Associate Degree and transfer requirements for the majors offered at colleges and universities. Our department offers courses to meet the California State University graduation requirement of U.S. Constitution and California State and local government, and may be certified for CSU GE-Breadth (POLIT 100). We also offer courses that provide service-learning opportunities for students seeking development of leadership skills through involvement in on-and off-campus community service (POLIT 138, POLIT 138H, POLIT 139, and POLIT 139H). For students interested in global affairs, we offer Comparative Politics (POLIT 140) and World Politics (POLIT 141 and POLIT 141H). We offer POLIT 110 and POLIT 110H for students interested in the development of Western political thought and philosophy.

A major in Political Science provides useful preparation for students interested in careers in politics, government (including the foreign service, the military and intelligence); teaching; public administration; public relations; law enforcement; the legal professions, and related fields. Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution and major in political science should consult with a counselor regarding the transfer process and lower-division requirements.

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- Political Science Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree

POLIT 100 3 Units

American Politics

Lecture: 54 contact hours

Advisory: READ 100

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 100H 3 Units

American Politics - Honors

Lecture: 54 contact hours

Advisory: ENGL 101 or ENGL 101H

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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: READ 100

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: READ 100

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: READ 100

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:** READ 100

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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:** READ 100

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.

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Associate Degree Applicable**Transfers to both UC/CSU****POLIT 140 3 Units****Introduction to Comparative Politics****Lecture:** 54 contact hours**Advisory:** READ 100

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:** READ 100

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:** READ 100

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Associate Degree Applicable**Transfers to both UC/CSU****C-ID:** POLS 140**POLIT 150 3 Units****Introduction to Public Policy****Lecture:** 54 contact hours**Advisory:** ENGL 101 or ENGL 101H

This course is an introduction to public policy. It introduces the basic concepts and processes underlying policy analysis, including application of these concepts to economic and budgetary policy, health care policy, welfare and social security policy, education policy, and environmental and energy policy, and social and cultural policies. It covers the actors involved in the policy process such as institutions, congress, the executive branch, and groups. It also addresses the theories involved in the policy process as well as the environment in which policy is made in the United States.

Associate Degree Applicable**Transfers to both UC/CSU****POLIT 170 3 Units****Introduction to the Politics of Race and Gender****Lecture:** 54 contact hours**Prerequisite:** ENGL 101 or ENGL 101H

This course is an introduction to the politics of race and gender. Using intersectionality as a framework, the course offers an overview of the political representation, identity, status, and power of non-binary Women, Native Americans, African Americans, Latina/o Americans, and Asian Americans.

Associate Degree Applicable**Transfers to both UC/CSU**

POLIT 173 3 Units**California Government****Lecture:** 54 contact hours**Advisory:** ENGL 101 or ENGL 101H

California is a uniquely diverse and dynamic state! This course introduces students to the history, politics, and government of California, paying particular attention to the nature of federalism, institutions of state government, direct democracy, the role of partisanship and demographic diversity, media and public opinion, parties and interest groups, campaigns and elections, and social movements in the Golden State. Special examination will be made to the realities of making public policy and its intersection with politics, interest groups, political parties and the media.

Associate Degree Applicable**Transfers to both UC/CSU****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**