

POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

POLS 1 - Introduction to American Government and Politics (3 units)

Letter Grade (LG) or Pass/No Pass (P/NP) • Total hours: 51 hours lecture

This course offers an introduction to United States and California government and politics, including their constitutions, political institutions and processes, and political actors. It includes an examination of political behavior, political issues, and public policy. Portions of instruction may be offered online; may also be offered fully online. [C-ID POLS 110]

Advisory: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in ENGL 1A or ENGL 1AE

Credit transferable: Transfers to CSU & UC

GE Credit: CSU D Social Sciences; IGETC 4 Social and Behavioral Sciences; MPC D Social Sciences

CSU American Institutions: US-2: U.S. Constitution and Government, US-3: California State and Local Government

POLS 2 - Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics (3 units)

Letter Grade (LG) or Pass/No Pass (P/NP) • Total hours: 51 hours lecture

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. Portions of instruction may be offered online; may also be offered fully online. [C-ID POLS 130]

Advisory: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in ENGL 1A or ENGL 1AE

Credit transferable: Transfers to CSU & UC

GE Credit: CSU D Social Sciences; IGETC 4 Social and Behavioral Sciences; MPC D Social Sciences

POLS 3 - Introduction to Political Theory and Thought (3 units)

Letter Grade (LG) or Pass/No Pass (P/NP) • Total hours: 51 hours lecture

This course offers an examination of various theoretical approaches to politics and of basic political problems and proposed solutions. It includes analysis of selected political theories and of the relevance of theory to contemporary problems. Portions of instruction may be offered online; may also be offered fully online. [C-ID POLS 120]

Advisory: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in ENGL 1A or ENGL 1AE

Credit transferable: Transfers to CSU & UC

GE Credit: CSU D Social Sciences; IGETC 4 Social and Behavioral Sciences; MPC D Social Sciences

POLS 4 - Introduction to International Relations (3 units)

Letter Grade (LG) or Pass/No Pass (P/NP) • Total hours: 51 hours lecture

This course is an introduction to international relations theory with an examination of national, international, transnational, and sub-national actors and their institutions, interactions, and processes as they relate to global issues. Portions of instruction may be offered online; may also be offered fully online. [C-ID POLS 140]

Advisory: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in ENGL 1A or ENGL 1AE

Credit transferable: Transfers to CSU & UC

GE Credit: CSU D Social Sciences; IGETC 4 Social and Behavioral Sciences; MPC D Social Sciences

POLS 5 - Politics of Developing Countries (3 units)

Letter Grade (LG) or Pass/No Pass (P/NP) • Total hours: 51 hours lecture

This course surveys the government and politics of developing nations. Problems and issues facing developing countries in their search for appropriate strategies and models of development are also examined. May be offered fully online.

Advisory: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in ENGL 1A or ENGL 1AE

Credit transferable: Transfers to CSU & UC

GE Credit: CSU D Social Sciences; IGETC 4 Social and Behavioral Sciences; MPC D Social Sciences

POLS 7 - Introduction to Political Science Research Methods (3 units)

Letter Grade (LG) or Pass/No Pass (P/NP) • Total hours: 51 hours lecture

This course surveys the research methods employed in political science. Research design, experimental procedures, descriptive methods, instrumentation, and the collection, interpretation, and reporting of research data, and the ethics of research are introduced. Portions of instruction may be offered online; may also be offered fully online. [C-ID POLS 160]

Advisory: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in ENGL 1A or ENGL 1AE;

Completion of or concurrent enrollment in any introductory-level social or behavioral science course; MATH 16 or PSYC/SOCI 19

Credit transferable: Transfers to CSU & UC

GE Credit: MPC A2 Communication and Analytical Thinking, D Social Sciences

POLS 10 - Gender in American Politics (3 units)

Letter Grade (LG) or Pass/No Pass (P/NP) • Total hours: 51 hours lecture

This course focuses on American government at the national, state, and local levels, emphasizing roles and influence of women from contemporary and historical perspective, especially the legal and civil rights of women in areas of employment, law, and public participation. Offered as GWOS 10 and POLS 10; credit may be earned only once. Portions of instruction may be offered online; may also be offered fully online.

Advisory: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in ENGL 1A or ENGL 1AE

Credit transferable: Transfers to CSU & UC

GE Credit: CSU D Social Sciences; IGETC 4 Social and Behavioral Sciences; MPC D Social Sciences

CSU American Institutions: US-2: U.S. Constitution and Government, US-3: California State and Local Government

POLS 11 - Politics of Migration and Citizenship (3 units)

Letter Grade (LG) or Pass/No Pass (P/NP) • Total hours: 51 hours lecture

Migration is a political phenomena that has shaped our communities, polarized our national politics, and shaped the relationships of nation-states with one another. This course is designed to provide students with a chance to critically analyze foundational concepts related to state sovereignty, citizenship, and cross-border movements, while considering the methodological challenges of studying political actions that may occur in secret or without protection of law. Portions of instruction may be offered online; may also be offered fully online.

Advisory: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in ENGL 1A or ENGL 1AE

Credit transferable: Transfers to CSU & UC

GE Credit: CSU D Social Sciences; IGETC 4 Social and Behavioral Sciences; MPC D Social Sciences

POLS 12 - Politics in Film (3 units)

Letter Grade (LG) or Pass/No Pass (P/NP) • Total hours: 51 hours lecture
 Politics has shaped cinema, and vice versa. This course examines the ways that films have been used by those in power, activists, and artists to make political claims, define political problems, and to shape opinions of people around the world. Class discussions and reading materials focus on questions of representation, persuasion, and shared meaning making. Portions of instruction may be offered online; may also be offered fully online.

Advisory: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in ENGL 1A or ENGL 1AE
Credit transferable: Transfers to CSU & UC

GE Credit: CSU C2 Humanities; IGETC 3B Humanities; MPC C Humanities, D Social Sciences

POLS 14 - Introduction to the Politics of Identity (3 units)

Letter Grade (LG) or Pass/No Pass (P/NP) • Total hours: 51 hours lecture
 This course is an exploration of how law and government institutions shape the shared understandings of race, ethnicity, sexuality, and gender. Students consider the ways in which the American state acts to privilege some identities rather than others through family law, citizenship, and electoral processes. This course employs comparative methods to consider how concepts of identity are constructed and mobilized within the United States as compared to other nations. Portions of instruction may be offered online; may also be offered fully online. [C-ID POLS 170]

Advisory: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in ENGL 1A or ENGL 1AE
Credit transferable: Transfers to CSU & UC

GE Credit: CSU D Social Sciences; MPC D Social Sciences

POLS 20 - Introduction to Law and Society (3 units)

Letter Grade (LG) or Pass/No Pass (P/NP) • Total hours: 51 hours lecture
 This course provides an overview of the American legal system including its development, structure and history. The course will review the legal and judicial process in the United States covering the adversarial system, jurisdiction of federal and state courts, and the general process of judicial review. Explanation of different sources of law including statutes, court cases and administrative agency rules. Review of basic legal reasoning and introductory research methods. Introduction to civil law, criminal law, family law, real property law, contracts, employment, immigration, intellectual property, and other areas of law. Also included is a review of the principles of legal ethics. Portions of instruction may be offered online; may also be offered fully online.

Advisory: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in ENGL 1A or ENGL 1AE
Credit transferable: Transfers to CSU & UC

GE Credit: MPC D Social Sciences

POLS 21 - Ethics in Practice (3 units)

Letter Grade (LG) or Pass/No Pass (P/NP) • Total hours: 51 hours lecture
 This course provides an introduction to concepts and theories of ethical decision-making, moral conduct, obligation and permission, justice, responsibility, either generally or in an area of public policy or a profession. Portions of instruction may be offered online; may also be offered fully online.

Advisory: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in ENGL 1A or ENGL 1AE
Credit transferable: Transfers to CSU & UC

POLS 90 - Independent Study (0.5-4 units)

Letter Grade (LG) or Pass/No Pass (P/NP) • Total hours: 25.5-204 hours lab
 This course provides a framework for this academic discipline, which is designed to enrich the student's experience beyond current curriculum offerings. The program of study, research, reading, or activity is tailored to student needs and interests. When the student has identified an instructor to supervise his/her program of study, the agreement is recorded on a form available in the Admissions and Records Office.

Advisory: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in ENGL 1A

Credit transferable: Transfers to CSU