

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Career Opportunities

Armed Services	Law Student
Police Officer	Political Officer
Customs Officer	Elections Procedures Advisor
Import-Export Agent	Political Scientist
Public Relations	Tour Guide
Foreign Correspondent/Service Officer	

Faculty

Full-Time	Part-Time
Carolyn Dorrance	Timothy Flynn
Gloria Guevara	Steve McHargue

Political Science

Associate in Arts Degree

Required Courses:		Units
ECON R101	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
POLS R100	Introduction to Politics	3
POLS R101	Government of the United States: Institutions/Politics	3
POLS R102	Government of the United States: Institutions/Laws	3
POLS R104	International Relations	3
OR		
POLS R108	Comparative Politics	3
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Required Additional Courses:

Select six units from the following:		Units
ANTH R102	Cultural Anthropology	3
BIOL R106	The Human Environment	3
BUS R101A	Accounting Principles I	3
ECON R100	The Modern American Economy	3
ECON R102	Principles of Microeconomics	3
GEOG R102	World Cultural Geography	3
HIST R105	Introduction to Western Civilization I	3
HIST R106	Introduction to Western Civilization II	3
HIST R107	The History of the Mexican People in the US	3
HIST R110	History of the Middle East	3
HIST R114	Modern Asia	3
MATH R136	Computer Programming, BASIC	3
PHIL R111	Thinking Critically and Analytic Writing	3
Any POLS course not used to satisfy the core requirement		
PSY R103	Beginning Statistics for Behavioral Science	3
SOC R103	Racial and Ethnic Group Relations	3
SOC R109	Futurology	3
SOCR112	Great American Women	3
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Total Required Units		21

Political Science Courses

POLS R010—Introduction to United States Government 3 units

3 hours lecture weekly

An introduction to the institutions and political processes of government in the United States. Federalism and the institutions of Congress, the Presidency and the Supreme Court are studied from the perspective of constitutional democracy and the theory of checks and balances. The roles of political parties, interest groups, public opinion and the media are discussed in a way that broadens understanding of political process and citizen participation. Special attention is given to improving student study skills including vocabulary building, research, analytical writing and articulation of political ideas. Field trips may be required. (2)

POLS R100—Introduction to Politics 3 units

3 hours lecture weekly

Course introduces students to the ideas and institutions of politics at the local, state and Federal levels. Concepts of law, justice, democracy, social welfare and liberty will be discussed in relation to contemporary institutions of government. Includes study of California Government. Fulfills state requirements in American Institutions. Field trips may be required. (2)

Transfer credit: UC, CSU

POLS R101—Government of the United States Institutions/Politics 3 units

3 hours lecture weekly

Study of principles, institutions and politics of American Government with special attention to the dynamics of voting, campaigns, representative government, presidential leadership and the economic functions of government. Includes study of California government. Fulfills state requirements in American Institutions. Field trips may be required. (2)

Transfer credit: UC, CSU (CAN: GOVT 2)

POLS R102—Government of the United States Institutions/Laws 3 units

3 hours lecture weekly

Study of principles, institutions, and politics of American Government with special attention to judicial interpretation of constitutional principles such as separation of power, federalism and citizenship. Includes study of California Government. Fulfills state requirements in American Institutions. Field trips may be required. (2)

Transfer credit: UC, CSU

POLS R104—International Relations 3 units

3 hours lecture weekly

Course explores official and unofficial connections between governments and peoples of the world and traditions, policies, and institutions which bind them together or hold them apart, with particular reference to problems of war, peace, and change. (2)

Transfer credit: UC, CSU

POLS R105—Current Issues in Domestic and Foreign Politics 3 units

3 hours lecture weekly

Course blends elements of political theory with the world of political problems and action at individual, state, national, and international levels. Each semester the issues selected for examination will be revised. Course may be taken three times. (2)

Transfer credit: UC, CSU

POLS R106—Political Aspects of Economic

Problems**3 units***3 hours lecture weekly*

Course surveys areas where the impact of economics upon political life is considerable, so that students may better understand the political world. (2)

Transfer credit: UC, CSU

**POLS R107—Politics and Administration of State
and Local Government****3 units***3 hours lecture weekly*

Course presents the main principles, concepts, theories, and processes of governmental institutions of the states, counties, cities, and special districts. The social, economic and political dynamics within the institutional context will be studied. Also, Federal institutions will be analyzed to understand the main characteristics, principles, structures, and processes of the American system of government and their impact on the other levels of government. The impact of federal taxation and expenditure policies on state and local government will be studied with specific examples. Fulfills state requirements in American Institutions. (2)

Transfer credit: CSU

POLS R108—Comparative Politics**3 units***3 hours lecture weekly*

Course examines political life and institutions of a number of foreign countries to identify both similarities and differences in people's attempts to grapple with government problems throughout the world. (2)

Transfer credit: UC, CSU

POLS R189—Topics in Political Science**½-3 units***Lecture and/or lab hours as required by unit formula*

Courses considering specific and current topics in Political Science which are not covered in the general Political Science offerings. Course may be taken four times. (2)

Transfer credit: CSU

POLS R189A—Great Debates and Elections**3 units***3 hours lecture weekly*

Course surveys history of elections and great political debates. Impact of elections on development of democracy in modern society studied. Special attention given to process of electing presidents in United States history. Course may be taken two times. (2)

Transfer credit: UC, CSU

**POLS R199—Directed Studies in Political
Science****1-3 units***Lecture and/or lab hours as required by unit formula*

Designed for selected students interested in furthering their knowledge of political science on an independent study basis; assigned problems will involve library, lab, and field work. Course may be taken two times. (2)

Transfer credit: CSU