Political Science

Unless otherwise indicated, a grade of C or higher is required for all prerequisite courses.

PLSC 100 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE

An introduction to political science designed to familiarize students with basic political concepts, political ideologies, political systems, and subfields within political science. Letter Grade Only. Degree Credit. 

Units: 3
Hours/semester: 48-54 Lecture; 96-108 Homework
Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ENGL 105, and completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, any READ 400-level course.
AA/AS Degree Requirements: Area E5b
Transfer Credit: CSU (CSU GE Area D), UC (IGETC Area 4)
C-ID: POLS 150

PLSC 110 CONTEMPORARY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

An introduction to the politics and government of foreign countries. A comparison of the operation of state and non-state actors in a variety of political systems. Grade Option (Letter Grade or Pass/No Pass). Degree Credit.

Units: 3
Hours/semester: 48-54 Lecture; 96-108 Homework
Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ENGL 105 and completion of, or concurrent enrollment in any READ 400 level course.
AA/AS Degree Requirements: Area E5b
Transfer Credit: CSU (CSU GE Area D), UC (IGETC Area 4)
C-ID: POLS 130

PLSC 130 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Introduction to the nature of relations among nation-states, and non state actors within the global system. Basic forces affecting the formulation of foreign policy and the dynamics of international politics will be analyzed. Covers the nation-state system, sources of national power, instruments of national policy, international law and organization, and 21st Century challenges presented by globalization and terrorism. Letter Grade Only. Degree Credit.

Units: 3
Hours/semester: 48-54 Lecture; 96-108 Homework
Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ENGL 105, and completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, any READ 400-level course.
AA/AS Degree Requirements: Area E1, E5b
Transfer Credit: CSU (CSU GE Area D and US-2 and US-3), UC* (IGETC Area 4)
C-ID: POLS 110

PLSC 150 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THOUGHT

Study of classical and modern political thought designed to develop understanding of various theoretical approaches to politics, basic political problems and proposed solutions to these problems. Letter Grade Only. Degree Credit.

Units: 3
Hours/semester: 48-54 Lecture; 96-108 Homework
Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ENGL 105, and completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, any READ 400-level course.
AA/AS Degree Requirements: Area E5b
Transfer Credit: CSU (CSU GE Area D), UC (IGETC Area 4)
C-ID: POLS 120

PLSC 200 NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

A study of the structure and function of the basic national, state and local government institutions. The course will examine the dynamics of the constitutional power relationship between the respective branches of government and the operational relationship between the national, state and local governments. Note: Upon transfer to a U.C. campus, students who have completed both PLSC 200 and PLSC 210 will receive transfer credit for only one 3-unit course. Letter Grade Only. Degree Credit.

Units: 3
Hours/semester: 48-54 Lecture; 96-108 Homework
Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ENGL 105, and completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, any READ 400-level course.
AA/AS Degree Requirements: Area E1, E5b
Transfer Credit: CSU (CSU GE Area D), UC (IGETC Area 4)
C-ID: POLS 110

PLSC 210 AMERICAN POLITICS

The historical and constitutional development of the foundations of the United States political institutions and the dynamics of governmental decision-making processes

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from the colonial era to the present. Examination of the various sources of political attitudes, roles, and behaviors of political participants and ways political decisions are made by the different units of government. This course is designed to satisfy the CSU requirements US 1 (US History and American Ideals) and US 2 (US Constitution). Note: Upon transfer to a U.C. campus, students who have completed both PLSC 200 and PLSC 210 will receive transfer credit for only one 3-unit course. ©Letter Grade Only. Degree Credit.

 Units: 3
 Hours/semester: 48-54 Lecture; 96-108 Homework
 Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ENGL 105, and completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, any READ 400-level course.

 AA/AS Degree Requirements: Area E1, E5b
 Transfer Credit: CSU (CSU GE Area D and US-1 and US-2), UC (IGETC Area 4)

 PLSC 215 CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN AMERICAN POLITICS

 Learn how the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of California function in real life by analyzing and debating contemporary political issues. Grade Option (Letter Grade or Pass/No Pass). Degree Credit.

 Units: 3
 Hours/semester: 48-54 Lecture; 96-108 Homework
 Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ENGL 105, and completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, any READ 400-level course.

 AA/AS Degree Requirements: Area E1, E5b
 Transfer Credit: CSU (CSU GE Area D, US-2), UC (IGETC Area 4)

 PLSC 310 CALIFORNIA STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

 The study of the institutions and problems of state and local government in California; California in the federal system. (Satisfies the California State and Local Government requirement.) Grade Option (Letter Grade or Pass/No Pass). Degree Credit.

 Units: 3
 Hours/semester: 48-54 Lecture; 96-108 Homework
 Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ENGL 105, and completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, any READ 400-level course.

 AA/AS Degree Requirements: Area E1, E5b

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