

POLITICAL SCIENCE (PS)

PS 101 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE 3 UNITS

Pass/No Pass or Grade is Allowed

Recommended Preparation: RDG 158 or equivalent or through the Southwestern College multiple measures placement processes.

Lecture 3 hours

Offered: ALL

Surveys the major political philosophers, ideologies, concepts, systems and significant issues/events of Western civilization and their impact on the world with emphasis on the historical development of American political institutions, governmental processes, U.S. Constitution, and California state government and politics. (Partially fulfills American Institutions requirement at CSU) [D; CSU; UC; C-ID POLS 150]

PS 102 INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS 3 UNITS

Pass/No Pass or Grade is Allowed

Recommended Preparation: RDG 158 or equivalent or through the Southwestern College multiple measures placement processes.

Lecture 3 hours

Offered: ALL

Surveys the processes and institutions of the United States, California, and local government. Analyzes and discusses a variety of topics and current issues, including education, health, civil liberties and rights, proposed laws, and policies and budgets. (Partially fulfills American Institutions requirement at CSU.) [D; CSU; UC; C-ID POLS 110] (Same as: POLS C1000)

PS 103 INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT 3 UNITS

Pass/No Pass or Grade is Allowed

Recommended Preparation: PS 101 or equivalent; RDG 56 or equivalent or through the Southwestern College multiple measures placement processes.

Lecture 3 hours

Offered: FALL, SPRING

Introduces comparative government and politics through both an analytical and institutional approach utilizing history and socio-economic development of the country, evolution of power structure within various regimes, and norms and roles of each society. [D; CSU; UC; C-ID POLS 130]

PS 104 INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS 3 UNITS

Pass/No Pass or Grade is Allowed

Recommended Preparation: PS 101 and 103, or equivalent; RDG 158 or equivalent or through the Southwestern College multiple measures placement processes.

Lecture 3 hours

Offered: FALL, SPRING

Emphasizes the historical and geographical perspectives of political relations among contemporary nation states, including the dynamics of transnationalism, diplomacy, the struggle for power, as well as war and peace. Critically examines theories and significant patterns in world politics. [D; CSU; UC; C-ID POLS 140]

PS 120 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY AND THOUGHT 3 UNITS

Grade Only

Lecture 3 hours

Offered: FALL, SPRING

Surveys political philosophy and the history of political thought to contextualize and explain developments in important approaches to government while also examining the relevance of theory to basic contemporary political problems such as power, justice, freedom, authority, equality, liberty, and ideal government. [D; CSU]

PS 200 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION 3 UNITS

Grade Only

Lecture 3 hours

Offered: FALL, SPRING

Covers key issues in public administration and social policy. Emphasizes government structure and public decision-making process, organizational behavior, effectiveness of criminal justice policies, economic development strategy, zoning, and land use considerations. [D; CSU] (Same as: PA 200)

PS 299 INDEPENDENT STUDY 1-3 UNITS

Pass/No Pass or Grade is Allowed

Limitation on Enrollment: Eligibility for independent study.

Lecture 3 hours

Offered: ALL

Individual study or research in some area of political science of particular interest to the student and not included in regular courses of the college. [D; CSU; **UC] (**UC Limitation: credit for variable topics courses is given only after a review of the scope and content of the courses by the enrolling UC campus.)