

# POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

## **POLS 0001. American Government**

*Units: 3*

Hours: 54 lecture

Introduction to the principles and problems of the American political system on national, state, and local levels. Includes discussion of constitutions, federalism and executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the government. Other topics include political behavior, elections and parties, interest groups, and the policy making processes that address political issues. (C-ID POLS 110) (CSU, UC)

## **POLS 0002. Comparative Government**

*Units: 3*

Hours: 54 lecture

Compares the major political systems of selected countries of the world, both autocratic and democratic. Comparison includes the origins and development of governments, their constitutional principles, political cultures and ideologies, institutions, parties, and government policies. (C-ID POLS 130) (CSU, UC)

## **POLS 0003. International Relations**

*Units: 3*

Hours: 54 lecture

Introduction to the political relations between governments and other global actors. Examination of theories and concepts that help to explain conflict and cooperation in a range of issue areas. (C-ID POLS 140) (CSU, UC)

## **POLS 0004. Russian and East European Political Systems**

*Units: 3*

Hours: 54 lecture

Comparison of Russian government and politics with that of other Eastern European states. Discussion of the past imperial and communist systems. Focus on social and political actors, decision-making institutions and major policy issues. (CSU, UC)

## **POLS 0005. California Politics and Government**

*Units: 3*

Hours: 54 lecture

An examination of state and local governments and their relations to the federal government. Topics include interest groups, elections and policy issues. (CSU, UC)

## **POLS 0007. Politics of the Developing World**

*Units: 3*

Hours: 54 lecture

Study of revolution and political changes of selected countries in the Developing World/Global South focusing on historical experiences of European and American imperialism and colonialism. Major emphasis on popular movements of self-determination and conflicts between traditional indigenous values and non-traditional Western ideology. Contemporary case studies include Latin America, Africa, and Asia. (CSU, UC)

## **POLS 0008. American Foreign Policy**

*Units: 3*

Hours: 54 lecture

Overview of American diplomatic history and the politics of foreign policy formation and implementation. Survey of contemporary international issues confronting the U.S. (CSU, UC)

## **POLS 0009. Politics of the Middle East**

*Units: 3*

Hours: 54 lecture

An introduction to the politics and political systems of the Middle East. Focuses on the influence of colonialism, nationalism and Islam on forms of government, social turmoil and international conflicts. (CSU, UC)

## **POLS 0012. Terrorism**

*Units: 3*

Hours: 54 lecture

Overview of terrorism, including history, motives, and political impact. Implications of counterterrorism policies. (CSU, UC)

## **POLS 0016. Introduction to Political Theory**

*Units: 3*

Hours: 54 lecture

Survey of major political theorists and their analyses of political concepts, such as state of nature, natural law, natural rights, and civil and political society. Examination of various theoretical approaches to politics, exploration of proposed solutions to basic political problems, and analysis of selected political theories and the relevance of theory to contemporary issues, such as environmentalism, feminism, and justice. (C-ID POLS 120) (CSU, UC)

## **POLS 0017. Introduction to Political Science Research Methods**

*Units: 3*

Advisory: Completion of MATH 13 with grade of "C" or better; completion with grade of "C" or better or concurrent enrollment in any POLS course  
Hours: 54 lecture

Surveys research methods employed in political science. Introduces research design, experimental procedures, descriptive methods, instrumentation, collection, interpretation, and reporting of research data, and the ethics of research. (C-ID POLS 160) (CSU, UC)

## **POLS 0018. California Government**

*Unit: 1*

Hours: 18 lecture

Introduction to politics and government in California. A survey of state and local institutions and processes. Fulfills California state and local government requirement for students who have taken the equivalent of POLS 0001 outside of California. Not open to students who have completed POLS 0005. (CSU, UC)

## **POLS 0027. Women and Politics in a Global Society**

*Units: 3*

Hours: 54 lecture

Exploration of past and current influences on the political and legal status of women as well as women's participation in the political process throughout the world. Includes political theory and strategy as it relates to women. (CSU, UC)

## **POLS 0028. Independent Study**

*Units: 1-3*

Designed for students interested in furthering their knowledge at an independent study level in an area where no specific curriculum offering is currently available. Independent study might include, but is not limited to, research papers, special subject area projects, and research projects. See Independent Study page in catalog. (CSU, UC-with unit limitation)

**POLS 0095. Internship in Political Science**

*Units: 0.5-4*

Designed for advanced students to work in an area related to their educational or occupational goal. Provides new on-the-job technical training under the direction of a worksite supervisor, allowing students to expand knowledge and skills in the chosen field. Mandatory orientation session and faculty approval to determine eligibility. One unit of credit is equal to each 60 hours of non-paid work, or each 75 hours of paid work. Students may earn up to a total of 16 units in internship courses (any course numbered 95 and PDEV 94). (CSU-with unit limitation)