

POLITICAL SCIENCE (POSC)

120 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICS AND POLITICAL ANALYSIS 3 UNITS

C-ID POLS 150

3 hours lecture

The primary aim of this course is to assist the student/citizen in the development of a set of skills which can be helpful in analyzing political situations in the world today. In order to accomplish this objective, students will be introduced to the basic approaches, perspectives, techniques and models of the political scientist. Accordingly, this course covers some universal aspects of political stability and change, ideologies, conflicts, institutions, political economy and issues.

AA/AS GE, CSU, CSU GE, IGETC, UC

121* INTRODUCTION TO U.S. GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS 3 UNITS

C-ID POLS 110

3 hours lecture

Analysis of the evolution of the structures and functions of the U.S. and California political systems from the time of the nation's founding to the current day in what is now the United States. Emphasis is on the continuity and uniqueness of the American political experience and how that experience has derived from other political cultures. This will be examined in the context of the larger cultural, economic, and sociological forces shaping the U.S. political system. Attention will be given to significant events affecting the evolution of the U.S. political system since its founding. The development and evolution of the U.S. Constitution and policy making role of traditional political institutions such as the presidency, the Congress, and the judiciary will be explored. The impact of other political forces such as mass movements, the media, the bureaucracy, interest groups, and ethnic and social groups will be examined. Topics will be illustrated through reference to actual political events occurring as the course progresses.

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124 INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS 3 UNITS

C-ID POLS 130

3 hours lecture

Analysis of the political systems of selected developed, transitional and developing countries of the world in order to understand the importance of political development, political institutions, political culture, political actors, political processes, and political change for the dynamics of today's global society.

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130 INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS 3 UNITS

C-ID POLS 140

3 hours lecture

Survey of the field of international relations. Students will be introduced to the major theories of international relations and will learn to apply them to contemporary problems in world politics. Issues examined include global peace and security, international political economy, international law and organization, sustainable development, and human rights.

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140* INTRODUCTION TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENTS AND POLITICS 3 UNITS

3 hours lecture

Examination of the structure and functions of California state and local governments and politics. Attention will be given to the evolution of the principal features, organization, and operation of state and local governments within the framework of U.S. federalism from the time of the nation's founding. Emphasis is on the role of significant events, major ethnic groups, and major social groups in the development of the political structures and processes of California state and local governments and contemporary political issues.

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*Meets part of the American Institutions requirement. See CSU General Education Breadth under Degree Requirements & Transfer Information for complete requirements and different options, or visit www.assist.org.