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Degree: A.A. - Political Science
 Certificate: International Studies

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Political Science Degree

The Political Science degree provides a comprehensive introduction to the field of political science. The program stresses the systematic study of politics, political institutions and governmental processes, state and local government, public policy, foreign policy, international relations, comparative politics, and political theory.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:

- describe the fundamentals of political science and governance.
- compare and contrast contemporary comparative systems and governance.
- evaluate the relationship between the governing process and public policy.
- examine how citizen and interest group participation influence political systems.
- analyze the role of culture and its influence on politics.
- assess how the design of political institutions and processes affect policy and stability.
- analyze politics and diplomacy in the international system.
- apply basic research methods to political science.
- analyze political and public policy making processes, and relate these to current issues and problems, for evaluating political events and their role in the political system.
- compare and contrast various theories of justice and the just state.
- evaluate various theories of the purpose of government and apply to a critical analysis of current political events.

Career Opportunities

This degree is designed to facilitate successful transfer to four-year programs. Career opportunities in political science include, but are not limited to, advocate/organizer, campaign worker, diplomat, educator/teacher, events planner, foreign affairs specialist, lawyer, legislative aide (state and federal), lobbyist, political consultant and public relations specialist.

<u>Requirements for Degree</u>	<u>18 Units</u>
POLS 301 Introduction to Government: United States	3
POLS 302 Introduction to Government: Foreign	3
POLS 310 Introduction to International Relations	3
POLS 320 Introduction to Political Theory	3
And a minimum of 6 units from the following:	6
HIST 310 History of the United States (3)	
HIST 311 History of the United States (3)	
POLS 304 Introduction to Government: California (3)	
POLS 322 Political Ideologies (3)	
POLS 330 Constitutional Rights (3)	
POLS 332 Law and Society (3)	
SOCSC 310 International Studies - Peace and Conflict Studies (3)	
SOCSC 312 International Studies - Current International Development Issues (3)	

Associate Degree Requirements: The Political Science Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree may be obtained by completion of the required program, plus general education requirements, plus sufficient electives to meet a 60-unit total. See ARC graduation requirements.

International Studies Certificate

The International Studies Certificate is designed to benefit students who are interested in international issues. Course work focuses on issues ranging from economy and trade to culture, politics, and environment from a transnational perspective.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:

- evaluate information presented in a comparative perspective.
- compare and contrast competing social scientific perspectives and describe the relative usefulness of each perspective to world issues.
- develop a scientific framework for the analysis of international issues.
- construct a culturally relativistic view of the world.
- define his/her place in history based on the knowledge acquired.
- recognize the complexity of the world as an interconnected and interdependent community

<u>Requirements for Certificate</u>	<u>29 Units</u>
ANTH 310 Cultural Anthropology	3
HIST 307 History of World Civilizations to 1500 (3)	3 ¹
or HIST 308 History of World Civilizations, 1500 to Present (3)	
POLS 302 Introduction to Government: Foreign	3
POLS 310 Introduction to International Relations	3
And a minimum of 8 units from the following:	8
Transfer level foreign language courses (numbered 300-499).	
And a minimum of 9 units from the following:	9
ANTH 330 Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion (3)	
ARTH 322 Art History of the Non-Western World (3)	
ECON 302 Principles of Macroeconomics (3)	
ECON 304 Principles of Microeconomics (3)	
ENGLT 340 World Literature (3)	
ENGLT 341 World Literature (3)	
ENGLT 345 Mythologies of the World (3)	
GEOG 310 Human Geography: Exploring Earth's Cultural Landscapes (3)	
GEOG 320 World Regional Geography (3)	
HIST 300 History of Western Civilization (3)	
HIST 302 History of Western Civilization (3)	
HIST 305 Women in Western Civilization (3)	
HIST 307 History of World Civilizations to 1500 (3)	
HIST 308 History of World Civilizations, 1500 to Present (3)	
HIST 364 Asian Civilization (3)	
HIST 365 Asian Civilization (3)	
HIST 373 History of Mexico (3)	
HIST 480 History of Western Civilization - Honors (3)	
HIST 481 History of Western Civilization - Honors (3)	

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HUM 300	Classical Humanities (3)
HUM 310	Modern Humanities (3)
HUM 320	Asian Humanities (3)
HUM 330	Humanities of the Americas (3)
MUFHL 330	World Music (3)
PHIL 353	Religions of the Far East (3)
PHIL 354	Religions of the West (3)
POLS 301	Introduction to Government: United States (3)
POLS 322	Political Ideologies (3)
SOC 300	Introductory Sociology (3)
SOCSC 310	International Studies - Peace and Conflict Studies (3)
SOCSC 312	International Studies - Current International Development Issues (3)

¹The history course used to meet this requirement may not be used towards the 9 unit elective requirement.

Political Science

POLS 301 Introduction to Government: United States 3 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.
General Education: AA/AS Area V(a); CSU Area D8; CSU Area F2; CSU Area F3; IGETC Area 4H
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course analyzes the U.S. government's historic origins, philosophical and theoretical justification, constitutional structures and how these institutions work. It examines and describes the procedural aspects of the political system including holding elections, campaigning, voting, lobbying, legislating, executing and adjudicating law. It provides an analysis of contemporary problems and issues. It also describes California state and local governments' constitutional base, structures and functions, political process, problems and issues.

POLS 302 Introduction to Government: Foreign 3 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better.
General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D8; IGETC Area 4H
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is a comparative study and analysis of political systems, ideologies, institutions, policies, cultures, histories, and the development of selected foreign governments. Special emphasis is placed on the cultural and social dimensions of political behavior and attitudes in connection with governmental and political practices typical of particular geographical regions. Coverage includes an examination of selected developed and lesser developed nation-states from a global perspective.

POLS 304 Introduction to Government: California 3 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better
General Education: CSU Area D8; CSU Area F3
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course covers the essential organization, institutions and processes of California state and local government. It fulfills the California State University requirement for state and local government, but not the requirement for the U.S. Constitution.

POLS 310 Introduction to International Relations 3 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.
General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D8; IGETC Area 4H
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is a survey of the international political system. The focus will be on global issues as they relate to the nation-state system, the role of non-state actors, Global North and Global South relations, globalization, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, armed conflict and its causes, regional and hemispheric relations, and international political economy.

POLS 320 Introduction to Political Theory 3 Units

Advisory: ENGRD 116, ENGWR 102, ENGWR 103, ESLR 320, or ESLW 320; or placement through the assessment process.
General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D8; IGETC Area 4H
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is a survey of the ideas that have shaped Western political development, covering important thinkers from the ancient, medieval and modern periods. Topics covered may include theories of just and unjust societies, social contract theory, justifications for government authority, and the rights of citizens versus the responsibilities of citizenship.

POLS 322 Political Ideologies 3 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.
General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D8; IGETC Area 4H
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is a survey of competing ideological approaches to government and politics. It provides comparative and historical analyses of various ideologies. Emphasis is on the theories, values, and assumptions that make up various political ideologies and their effects on political systems.

POLS 330 Constitutional Rights 3 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.
General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D8
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is a survey of American constitutional rights and civil liberties. Emphasis is placed on analysis of U.S. Supreme Court decisions and related materials dealing with issues arising under the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

POLS 332 Law and Society**3 Units***Same As: BUS 345**Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.**General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D8; IGETC Area 4H
Course Transferable to UC/CSU**Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course is an introduction to the Anglo-American Common Law System with emphasis upon the nature and purpose of law. The evolution of legal concepts as a reflection of the social environment, and the basic organization and functioning of the American judicial system will be presented from a theoretical rather than a practical view point through analysis of selected cases and reading materials. This course is not open to students who have completed BUS 345.

**POLS 481 Introduction to Government:
United States - Honors****3 Units***Prerequisite: Placement into ENGWR 480 through the assessment process.**General Education: AA/AS Area V(a) (effective Summer 2012)**Course Transferable to UC/CSU**Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course analyzes the U.S. government's historic origins, philosophical and theoretical justification, constitutional structures and how these institutions work. It examines and describes the procedural aspects of the political system including holding elections, campaigning, voting, lobbying, legislating, executing and adjudicating law. It provides an analysis of contemporary problems and issues. It also describes California state and local governments' constitutional base, structures and functions, political process, problems and issues. Conducted in a seminar format, this course emphasizes participatory classroom styles of learning and the material used is more substantial and sophisticated. In addition, there are extensive research projects on American institutions, political processes, and political behavior designed to challenge and motivate. This course is not open to students who have completed POLS 301.

POLS 494 Topics in Political Science**.5-4 Units***Advisory: ENGRD 116, ENGWR 102, ENGWR 103, ESLR 320, and ESLW 320; or placement through the assessment process.; ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.**Course Transferable to CSU**Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course provides the opportunity for concentrated study of specialized topics in Political Science. Each offering focuses on a discrete aspect of the Political Science discipline. Refer to class schedule for class topic. Individual field trips may be required. Course may be taken for a maximum of 9 units.