

Political Science

Certificate: International Studies

Area: Behavioral & Social Sciences

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The study of political science involves the examination of the structure of government and political systems, as well as the interaction of individuals and institutions within those systems. These courses offer insight into the events on the local, state, national, and international level.

International Studies Certificate

The program is designed to benefit students that will seek careers or transfer with an international focus. The required courses will transfer as electives or lower division prerequisite for selected majors.

Requirements for Certificate 29 units

Courses Required 29 Units

ANTH 310	3
Foreign Language *	8
HIST 307 or 308	3
POLS 302	3
POLS 310	3
Required Electives	9

*Foreign language courses must be transferable (courses numbers 300 through 400)

Select 9 units from the following electives

ANTH 330; ARTH 322; ECON 302, 304; ENGLT 340, 341, 345; GEOG 310, 320; HIST 300, 302, 305, 307*, 308*, 364, 365, 373, 480, 481; HUM 300, 310, 320, 322, 330; MUFHL 330; PHIL 353, 354; POLS 301, 322; SOCSC 310, 312, 314; SOC 300
*Can only apply toward electives if not applied toward required courses

POLS 301 Introduction to Government: United States 3 Units

Formerly: POLS 1

Prerequisite: None

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or ENGWR 103, and ENGRD 116 or ESLR 320, ESLW 320 or placement through assessment process.

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; campaigns; elections; lobbying; legislating; and execution and adjudication of 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. (CAN GOVT 2) AA/AS area 3C; CSU area D2; IGETC area 4.

POLS 302 Introduction to Government: Foreign 3 Units

Prerequisite: None

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or ENGWR 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 UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course comparatively examines the political systems of selected Western European, Eastern European, Asian, Middle Eastern, African, and Latin American countries. Emphasis is on the formation of political institutions, political culture, citizen and interest participation, political parties, and bureaucratic public policy roles. AA/AS area 3C; CSU area D3; IGETC area 4.

POLS 304 Introduction to Government: California 3 Units

Prerequisite: None

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.

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

Prerequisite: None

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or ENGWR 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 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. AA/AS area 3C; CSU area D3; IGETC area 4.

POLS 322 Political Ideologies

3 Units

Prerequisite: None

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or ENGWR 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 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. AA/AS area 3C; CSU area D3; IGETC area 4.

POLS 330 Constitutional Rights

3 Units

Formerly: POLS 5

Prerequisite: None

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or ENGWR 103, and ENGRD 116 or ESLR 320, ESLW 320 or placement through assessment process.

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

Survey of American constitutional rights. Analysis of court decisions and related materials dealing with constitutional issues such as racial, sexual, and other forms of discrimination; criminal procedures; freedoms of religion, speech, press, and association; voting; education; employment, and due process of law. AA/AS area 3C; CSU area D3.

POLS 332 Law and Society (same as Business 345)

3 Units

Formerly: POLS 16

Prerequisite: None

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or ENGWR 103, and ENGRD 116 or ESLR 320, ESLW 320 or placement through assessment process.

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 presented from a theoretical rather than a practical view point through analysis of selected cases and reading materials. Not to be taken in place of BUS 340 (Business Law) where required. Not open to students who have taken BUS 345. AA/AS area 3C; CSU area D3; IGETC area 4.