

# POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

## Credit Courses

### **POLS C1000 American Government and Politics (3 Units)**

Hours: 54 (54 lecture)

This course is an introduction to government and politics in the United States and California. Students examine the constitutions, structure, and operation of governing institutions, civil liberties and civil rights, political behaviors, political issues, and public policy using political science theory and methodology. (POLS C1000 formerly POLS 101 prior to Fall 2025.)

SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B, SBCCGE Area E2

Transfer Information: Cal-GETC Area 4, CSUGE Area D8, CSU US-2, CSU US-3, IGETC Area 4H, SBCCGE Area 4, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable  
C-ID: POLS 110.

### **POLS 102 American Government And Politics: Discussion (1 Unit)**

Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.

Hours: 18 (18 lecture)

Optional course intended to augment student understanding of the political process and related issues as presented in Political Science 101.

Transfer Information: CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

UC Transfer Limit: No credit for POLS 102 unless taken concurrently or after 101.

### **POLS 104 American Government: Policy Issues/Process (3 Units)**

Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.

Hours: 54 (54 lecture)

Study of formulation, enactment and impact of public policy issues in the U.S. and the state of California, including environment, health care, energy, poverty and welfare, defense, criminal justice, education, civil rights and budgets. Emphasis on policy models, processes and issues.

SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B, SBCCGE Area E2

Transfer Information: Cal-GETC Area 4, CSUGE Area D8, CSU US-2, CSU US-3, IGETC Area 4H, SBCCGE Area 4, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

### **POLS 108 California Government and Politics (2 Units)**

Hours: 72 (18 lecture, 54 lab)

Prerequisite or Corequisite POLS C1000. Analysis and hands-on experience of the policy process in Sacramento/California, studying and meeting with state and local government entities and all the principals involved in the policy process, from inception to policy implementation.

Special Fee: Field Trip fee of \$900.00 will cover lodging, meals and incidentals. Scholarships are available.

Transfer Information: CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

### **POLS 110 Politics, Society And The Mass Media (3 Units)**

Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.

Hours: 54 (54 lecture)

Examination of the role played by the mass media in contemporary political society. This survey course includes a focus on such topics as national and international propaganda, the evolution of television and campaign advertising, news analysis, television and political information, government regulation and First Amendment controversies.

SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B

Transfer Information: Cal-GETC Area 4, CSUGE Area D8, IGETC Area 4H, SBCCGE Area 4, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

### **POLS 121 International Politics (3 Units)**

Hours: 54 (54 lecture)

Introduction to the field of international politics. Discussion of the history of international politics, including the emergence of nation-states, international organization, and nongovernmental organizations. Use of various international relations theories to analyze war and conflict, diplomacy and cooperation, and foreign policy making.

SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B, SBCCGE Area E5

Transfer Information: Cal-GETC Area 4, CSUGE Area D8, IGETC Area 4H, SBCCGE Area 4, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

UC Transfer Limit: POLS 121 and 121H combined: maximum credit, one course.

C-ID: POLS 140.

### **POLS 121H International Politics, Honors (4 Units)**

Limitations on Enrollment: Admission to Honors Program.

Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.

Hours: 72 (72 lecture)

Introduction to the field of international politics. Discussion of the history of international politics, including the emergence of nation-states, international organizations and nongovernmental organizations. Use of various international relations theories to analyze war and conflict, diplomacy and cooperation, and foreign policy making.

SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area E5

Transfer Information: Cal-GETC Area 4, CSUGE Area D, IGETC Area 4, SBCCGE Area 4, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

UC Transfer Limit: POLS 121 and 121H combined: maximum credit, one course.

C-ID: POLS 140.

### **POLS 122 International Organizations: Global and Regional Governance (3 Units)**

Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.

Hours: 54 (54 lecture)

Focuses on the history and current actions of international organizations, such as the UN and the EU, and their diverse member states. Discussion of a variety of international problems, such as effective governance, war, economic development, environmental problems and human rights. Students participate in an in-class simulation activity.

SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B

Transfer Information: Cal-GETC Area 4, CSUGE Area D8, IGETC Area 4H, SBCCGE Area 4, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

### **POLS 131 Comparative Politics (3 Units)**

Course Advisories: POLS 101 or POLS 121.

Hours: 54 (54 lecture)

Comparative analysis of different kinds of political systems, including their history, political institutions, processes and policies; the environments in which they occur; and their consequences. Comparisons will be made between autocratic and democratic political systems and the political institutions of selected countries, such as Russia, China, Iran, Britain, France and Germany.

SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B, SBCCGE Area E5

Transfer Information: Cal-GETC Area 4, CSUGE Area D8, IGETC Area 4H, SBCCGE Area 4, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

C-ID: POLS 130.

**POLS 132 Political Thinking (3 Units)**

Course Advisories: POLS C1000.

Hours: 54 (54 lecture)

Exploration of fundamental issues in political theory as interpreted by such thinkers as Plato, Aristotle, Hobbes, Locke, Burke, Rousseau, Marx and others.

Transfer Information: Cal-GETC Area 3B, Cal-GETC Area 4, CSUGE Area C2, CSUGE Area D8, IGETC Area 3B, IGETC Area 4H, SBCCGE Area 3, SBCCGE Area 4, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

C-ID: POLS 120.

**POLS 134H Political Violence, Honors (4 Units)**

Limitations on Enrollment: Admission to Honors Program.

Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.

Hours: 72 (72 lecture)

Interdisciplinary study of origin, causes, dimensions and kinds of political violence, from regicide to terrorism, from revolution to war. Emphasis on theoretical and historical studies of political violence.

SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B, SBCCGE Area E5

Transfer Information: Cal-GETC Area 4, CSUGE Area D8, IGETC Area 4H, SBCCGE Area 4, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

**POLS 136 Middle East Government And Politics (3 Units)**

Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.

Hours: 54 (54 lecture)

Introduction to the comparative study of the governments and politics of Middle Eastern states. Emphasis on the study of the relationships between political development, political organization and social structure and such concepts as tradition, modernity, autocracy, democracy and political transition.

SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B, SBCCGE Area E5

Transfer Information: Cal-GETC Area 4, CSUGE Area D8, IGETC Area 4H, SBCCGE Area 4, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

**POLS 151 Law And Society (3 Units)**

Hours: 54 (54 lecture)

Study of the American judicial system as a political institution. Courts, judges, lawyers and police will be examined. Emphasis placed on issues involving the criminal justice system.

SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B

Transfer Information: CSUGE Area D8, IGETC Area 4H, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

UC Transfer Limit: POLS 151 and 151H combined: maximum credit, one course.

**POLS 295 Internship in Political Science (2-4 Units)**

Limitations on Enrollment: Completion of two courses in Political Science at SBCC prior to enrolling in an internship course.

Hours: 210 (210 lab)

Internship program in which students gain experience in community organizations related to the discipline.

Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

**POLS 299 Independent Study in Political Science (1-4 Units)**

Limitations on Enrollment: Other: Completion of a minimum of 12 units at SBCC, with a 2.5 GPA, and a minimum of six units, with a 3.0 GPA within the department.

Hours: 192 (192 lab)

Limitations on Enrollment: Completion of a minimum of 12 units at SBCC, with a 2.5 GPA, and a minimum of six units, with a 3.0 GPA within the department. Independent study course that provides an opportunity for students to explore a specific political science topic in depth, while working closely with their professor.

Transfer Information: CSU Transferable