

POLITICAL SCIENCE

DIVISION: Social Sciences

The Social Sciences Division strives to enable students to become active and informed citizens of our diverse and increasingly interdependent world. Our courses expand students' understanding of human society, cultural practices, interpersonal relationships, social institutions, identity formation, and systems of thought. Studying the social sciences gives students the analytical skills to understand and critique social phenomena across diverse cultural and historical contexts. Students in the Social Sciences become agents of change in their local and global communities.

- Political Science – Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer to CSU (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/academic-programs/political-science/political-science-aat/>)

Courses

POLS 001 INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS 3 unit

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC

C-ID: POLS 110

Introduction to American government and politics incorporating California state and local history, constitution, institutions and policies. POLS 001 and POLS 002 usually required for advanced political science courses. No credit if taken after AMERI 005. Total of 54 hours lecture.

Grade Mode: *Audit, Letter Grade, Pass/No-Pass*

POLS 002 COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS 3 unit

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC

C-ID: POLS 130

Comparative study of constitutional principles, governmental institutions and political processes in selected contemporary nations. Emphasis on the U.S. and major European governments. POLS 001 and 002 usually required for advanced political science courses. Total of 54 hours lecture.

Grade Mode: *Audit, Letter Grade, Pass/No-Pass*

POLS 006 THE U.S. AND WORLD POLITICS 3 unit

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC

Introduction to various aspects of World Politics including the role of major political, social, economic, and defense institutions in countries. The model is American policy and relationship to global and bilateral institutions. Total of 54 hours lecture.

Grade Mode: *Letter Grade, Pass/No-Pass*

POLS 007 PRINCIPLES OF POLITICAL SCIENCE 3 unit

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC

C-ID: POLS 150

Scope and methods of political science; basic political philosophies and ideologies; some concepts of the modern state, public law, public administration and government. Total of 54 hours lecture.

Grade Mode: *Audit, Letter Grade, Pass/No-Pass*

POLS 020 INDEPENDENT STUDY

1 unit

Transfer Credit: CSU

Prerequisite(s): *One semester of political science and permission of department chairperson*

Individual projects; research techniques; written reports. Total of 54 hours laboratory.

Grade Mode: *Audit, Letter Grade*

POLS 021 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL ECONOMY 3 unit

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC

Political economy as a system; role of government; relationships among the public, quasi-public, and private sectors; strategies of government interventions; and the impact of government policies on the economy at the local, state, national, and global levels. Total of 54 hours lecture.

Grade Mode: *Audit, Letter Grade, Pass/No-Pass*

POLS 022 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY 3 unit

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC

C-ID: POLS 120

Introductory exploration of the nature and role of major political theories from ancient times to the present; central questions of political life, views of human nature, political organizations, power, justice, and revolutions. Total of 54 hours lecture.

Grade Mode: *Audit, Letter Grade, Pass/No-Pass*

POLS 110 SKILLS FOR COLLEGE SUCCESS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE 1 unit

Development of essential study techniques for success in political science courses; orientation to applications of computer-based technologies in political science; time management; textbook mastery, lecture outlining, test taking, and critical analysis. Total of 18 hours lecture.

Grade Mode: *Audit, Letter Grade, Pass/No-Pass*