

Political Science

The study of politics is the study of how people are governed and how they govern themselves. We examine the process by which scarce resources are allocated to an expanding population with ever-increasing demands. We look at American politics as an experience in “self-government” and realize that our system is quite different from the political systems developed by Russia or the People’s Republic of China — and also different from other Western democracies. We examine these differences and attempt to understand something about the degree to which one system works better than another.

Our discipline also seeks to understand how nations deal with each other and what kinds of issues are likely to separate them — and how they resolve international conflict. In this light we examine the role of the United Nations as “peacekeeper.”

A number of Political Science courses help prepare students for specific careers. For example, political science is often used as a pre-law major or for other related professions, such as careers in government at the federal, state or local levels. Our discipline is also appropriate for a number of other non-government professions and our faculty invite your questions about such opportunities.

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Degrees & Certificates Awarded

Associate in Arts Degree: Political Science

Associate in Arts Degree: Law & Society

Associate in Arts Degree: Law & Society —
Emphasis in Criminal Justice

Associate in Arts Degree: Global Studies

Certificate of Achievement: Global Studies
(*pending Chancellor’s Office approval*)

A.A. Degree: Political Science Department Requirements (21-25 units)

POLS 101 — American Government and Politics	3
POLS 121 — International Politics	3
POLS 132 — Political Thinking	3

One course from the following:

POLS 122 — The United Nations in World Affairs: International Organization	4
POLS 126 — The United States in World Affairs.....	3
POLS 130 — Politics of Global Survival.....	3
POLS 131 — Comparative Politics.....	3

One course from the following:

*POLS 104 — American Government: Policy Issues/Process.....	3
POLS 106H — Presidency & American Instit., Honors	3
POLS 107 — California State and Local Politics.....	3
POLS 110 — Politics, Society and the Mass Media	3
POLS 111 — Elements of Government Finance	3
POLS 134H — Political Violence, Honors.....	4
POLS 141 — Public Administration: Introduction	3
POLS 151 — Law and Society	3
POLS 151H — Law and Society, Honors	3
POLS 295 — Internship in Political Science.....	3

One course from the following:

HIST 100 — Growth of American Civilization	3
HIST 101 — History of the U.S. to 1865.....	3
HIST 102 — History of the U.S. since 1865	3
HIST 102H — History of the U.S. since 1865, Honors	4
*HIST 103 — History of Western Civilization.....	3
*HIST 104 — History of Western Civilization.....	3
*HIST 113H — Western Civilization, 1600-Present, Honors	4
HIST 130 — History of African Civilization	3
HIST 132 — China & Japan in the Modern World.....	3
HIST 134 — History of Latin America.....	3
HIST 138 — History of Modern Middle East.....	3

One course from the following:

ANTH 103 — Cultural Anthropology.....	3
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ANTH 109 — Comparative World Cultures	3
ERTH 142 — Economic Geography.....	3
*ECON 101 — Microeconomics	3
*ECON 102 — Macroeconomics	3
GEOG 102 — Cultural Geography.....	3
GEOG 105 — Economic Geography.....	3
PHIL 100 — Introduction to Philosophy.....	3
PHIL 200 — History of Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval ...	3
PHIL 201 — History of Philosophy: Modern	3
PSY 100 — General Psychology.....	3
PSY 100H — General Psychology, Honors.....	4
SOC 101 — Introduction to Sociology.....	3
SOC 101H — Introduction to Sociology, Honors.....	3
SOC 104 — Social Psychology	3

**Note: Courses particularly recommended for major.*

College Requirements

For complete information, see “Graduation Requirements” in the *Catalog* Index.

Departmental Advising

To satisfy the course requirements of the Political Science major, the student is encouraged to meet with a member of the Political Science faculty for individualized guidance.

Planning a Program of Study

As a general rule, students should begin their study of political science with POLS 101 because many of the basic concepts of the discipline are introduced here within a somewhat familiar context. POLS 102 is a valuable adjunct discussion course, but it is not required for the major.

Upon completion of POLS 101, the selection of courses will, in part, depend upon the four-year school to which the student plans to transfer and the particular emphasis of the student’s major. Virtually all college and university political science departments require a course in comparative politics, which can be satisfied by taking POLS 131. This course is offered during both the fall and spring semesters. The department strongly encourages majors to take HIST 104 in the freshman year—prior to taking POLS 131.

Students transferring to UCSB should also take POLS 132 (Political Thinking) and POLS 121 (International Politics), offered in both Spring and

Fall semesters. Students with an interest in law are encouraged to take POLS 151, which is offered during the Spring Semester. Those contemplating a career in communications should take POLS 110.

The Political Science Department also encourages students to participate in the Internship Program (POLS 295, which can be taken for 2-4 units) in order to gain practical experience and possible insight and direction as to future professional/vocational plans.

Global Studies Program

The Political Science Department also coordinates this interdisciplinary program. For more information and a complete description of the major, see “Global Studies” in this *Catalog*.

Law & Society Program

The Law and Society Program involves the study of law and legal systems as they relate to the larger societies of which they are a part. While the program is of special interest to students who plan careers in government service or law, many of the majors simply share a desire to understand the role of law in society.

Some of the questions students will encounter in courses in this program include: Do all societies have law? Why do legal systems develop? What purposes are served by the law? Why do different societies develop different types of law? How are legal resources distributed within societies? How does one determine if a law is constitutional? How does one know if a law is just? While these are only examples of the issues addressed by the program, they do suggest the breadth of the concerns involved.

The Law and Society major seeks to understand the nature of law and legal institutions from a variety of perspectives. The program is interdisciplinary, with courses offered in the following fields: Justice Studies, Anthropology, Economics, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology and Sociology. The program is designed to benefit both the student who desires a liberal education and the student who intends to enter graduate or law school.

The Law and Society Program also offers an emphasis in criminal justice, stressing the study of criminal justice as a social science. This specialization is designed for students who are particularly interested in the area of law enforcement. The emphasis is not on technical training, but rather is designed to expose students to a variety of approaches to understanding the criminal justice system and, more generally, crime.

Career choices include urban planning, court management, probation, counseling, legal practice, federal, state and local government service. This major with a B.A. degree can lead to advanced degree programs in judicial administration and the social sciences, paraprofessional legal training and law school.

A.A. Degree: Law & Society

Department Requirements (21-24 units)

PHIL 205 — Introduction to Logic.....	3
POLS 101 — American Government and Politics	3
POLS151 — Law and Society <i>or</i>	3
POLS 151H — Law and Society, Honors	3
SOC 101 — Introduction to Sociology <i>or</i>	3
SOC 101H — Introduction to Sociology, Honors.....	3

Three courses from the following:

ANTH 103 — Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
ECON 101 — Microeconomics.....	3
ECON 102 — Macroeconomics	3
HIST 101 — History of the U.S. to 1865.....	3
HIST102 — History of the U.S since 1865 <i>or</i>	3
HIST 102H — History of U.S. since 1865, Honors	4
HIST 103 — History of Western Civilization	3
HIST 104 — History of Western Civilization <i>or</i>	
HIST 113H — History of Western Civilization,	
1600-Present, Honors.	3-4
PHIL 200 — History of Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval ...	3
PHIL 201 — History of Philosophy: Modern	3
POLS 104 — American Government:	
Policy Issues/Process.....	3
POLS 121 — International Politics	3
POLS 131 — Comparative Politics.....	3
PSY 100 — General Psychology <i>or</i>	3
PSY 100H — General Psychology, Honors.....	4
PSY 150 — Statistics for Behavioral Sciences.....	4

A.A. Degree: Law & Society (Criminal Justice Emphasis)

Department Requirements (28-29 units)

AJ 101 — Introduction to Administration of Justice	3
AJ 107 — Concepts of Criminal Law.....	3
ECON 101 — Microeconomics <i>or</i>	3
ECON 102 — Macroeconomics	3
PHIL 205 — Introduction to Logic.....	3
POLS 101 — American Government and Politics	3
POLS 151 — Law and Society <i>or</i>	3
POLS 151H — Law and Society, Honors	3
PSY 100 — General Psychology <i>or</i>	3
PSY 100H — General Psychology, Honors.....	4
PSY 150 — Statistics for Behavioral Sciences.....	4
SOC 101 — Introduction to Sociology <i>or</i>	3
SOC 101H — Introduction to Sociology, Honors.....	3

Preparation for Transfer

Course requirements for transfer vary depending upon the college or university a student wishes to attend. Therefore, it is *most important* for a student to consult with his/her counselor and departmental adviser before planning an academic program for transfer. Information sheets for majors, outlining transfer requirements, are available in the Counseling Center.

Honors & Awards

The Political Science faculty select one student each year to be honored as "Outstanding Student." Students are nominated by members of the faculty and selection is made on the basis of academic scholarship and a student's contribution to our community's understanding of political events.

Special Programs & Courses

Honors Courses

Political Science 134H (Political Violence, Honors) is an interdisciplinary honors course organized as a seminar with extensive readings and requiring a major research paper. See Dr. M. Eskandari-Qajar (IDC-357) for further information.

POLS 106H (The Presidency and American Institutions, Honors) presents the American Presidency as the linchpin of the American constitutional system. Emphasis is on the relationship among the President, Congress, courts, the federal system, political parties, interest groups and the bureaucracy. Contact Dr. John Kay at kay@sbcc.edu for further information.

Field Trips

The Political Science department offers three courses which involve field work in Sacramento, Washington, D.C. and at selected campuses hosting Model United Nations conferences. POLS 107 takes students to Sacramento to view California's political process and POLS 295 accomplishes the same at the national level. POLS 122 and 123 involve participation in a regional simulation of the Model United Nations.

Internships

Our department also places students as interns with local attorneys' offices, public officials, or with other professionals engaged in the discipline of political science. Interested students should contact Dr. Kay at kay@sbcc.edu or Dr. M. Eskandari-Qajar (IDC-357 ext. 2435).

Global Studies Major

The Political Science Department also administers the Global Studies major. Consult the Global Studies section of this *Catalog* and see Dr. Haslund (IDC-357, ext. 2221) for further information.

Tutorial Assistance

The faculty of the Political Science Department encourage students who might be interested in a career in teaching and who have taken our basic course, POLS 101, to inquire about opportunities to serve as tutors for other students.

Advising

Our faculty is eager to provide counseling to students seeking to explore career opportunities which relate to the Political Science major or who simply need further information about any of our course offerings.

Student Participation

We invite student input at any time about needed changes in curriculum or additions to our program. Our course offerings are constantly under review and we welcome student perspective.

Course Descriptions

POLS 101 — American Government and Politics

(3) F, S, Summer and online — CSU, UC

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

Introduction to Constitutional principles and their application to the political process and institutions of the United States and the State of California. Attention given to political ideas, processes and issues. (CAN GOVT 2)

POLS 102 — American Government and Politics: Discussion

(1) F, S — CSU, UC*

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

Optional course intended to augment student understanding of the political process and related issues as presented in POLS 101. (This course parallels the discussion section of POLS 12 at UCSB.) (*UC Transfer Limit: no credit for POLS 102 unless taken concurrently or after 101)

POLS 104 — American Government: Policy Issues/Process

(3) F, S — CSU, UC

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

Course Advisories: POLS 101.

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.

POLS 106H — The Presidency and American Institutions, Honors

(3) F — CSU, UC

Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H. Limitation on Enrollment: Acceptance into the Honors Program. See "Honors" section of this Catalog.

Study of the American Presidency as the linchpin of the American Constitutional system. Introduction to the relationships among the Presidency, the Congress, courts, press, public and the federal system, including state and political systems, governors, and local jurisdictions, political parties and interest groups. Special emphasis on those values and political pressures which shape the Presidency.

POLS 107 — California State and Local Politics

(3) — CSU

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

Examination of the policies and decision-making process at state and local levels and an exploration of the major contemporary issues facing citizens.

POLS 110 — Politics, Society and the Mass Media

(3) — CSU, UC

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

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.

POLS 111 — Elements of Government Finance

(3) — CSU

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

Introduction to financial realities of government. Surveys local/state government fiscal policies, revenues and budget cycles, taxes and intergovernmental fiscal relationships.

POLS 121 — International Politics

(3) F, S — CSU, UC

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

Introduction to the field of international relations, including the nation-state system, nationalism, colonialism, the role of ideology in the formulation of foreign policy, international trade and economic development, alliance systems and international organizations.

POLS 122 — The United Nations in World Affairs: International Organizations

(4) S — CSU, UC

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

Focuses on international and comparative politics, with an emphasis on the United Nations and other international organizations. Diplomacy is introduced through simulation exercises and careful development of complex and sensitive international problems such as economic development, disarmament, regionalism and international law. Students participate in an intercollegiate Model United Nations simulation.

POLS 123 — The United Nations in World Affairs

(2) S — CSU

Prerequisites: POLS 122.

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

Designed for second-year students who have completed POLSC 122 as a way of participating in Model United Nations simulation and accepting leadership roles in that simulation.

POLS 124 — Introduction to International Law

(3) — CSU

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

Introductory survey of international law and the institutions that provide support for the notion that the "rule of law" is preferable to international violence. Examines the basic principles of jurisprudence in the international arena and the historical events that gave life to such institutions as the UN, the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court. Applies to both the Political Science and Global Studies majors.

POLS 126 — The United States in World Affairs

(3) F, S — CSU, UC

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

Thematic study of major problems of international relations as they relate to U.S. foreign policy.

POLS 130 — Politics of Global Survival

(3) F, S — CSU, UC

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

Advanced course required of International Studies majors and intended to bring interdisciplinary learning to bear on four significant global problems: (a) global environmental concerns; (b) methods of conflict resolution; (c) the many facets of inter-national economics and trade; and (d) the arms race. Lectures, discussions, simulations designed to allow for a broad understanding of the complexities of global issues, as well as their possible resolution.

POLS 131 — Comparative Politics

(3) F, S — CSU, UC

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

Course Advisories: POLS 101.

Comparison between communist and Western democratic political systems. Study of the interrelationships between major world ideologies (communism, socialism, fascism, liberalism, conservatism) and the political institutions of selected countries, such as Russia, China, Yugoslavia, Britain, France, Germany, Japan and South Africa.

POLS 132 — Political Thinking

(3) F, S — CSU, UC

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

Course Advisories: POLS 101.

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

POLS 134H — Political Violence, Honors (4) — CSU, UC

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

Limitation on Enrollment: Acceptance into the Honors Program. See "Honors" section of this Catalog.

Interdisciplinary study of origin, causes, dimensions and kinds of political violence, from regicide to terrorism, from revolution to war. Emphasis on theoretical studies of political violences, as well as historical, political, economic, psychological, sociological and literary perspectives on political violence.

POLS 136 — Middle East Government and Politics

(3) F, S — CSU, UC

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

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

POLS 141 — Introduction to Public Administration

(3) — CSU

Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H

Course Advisories: POLS 101 or ECON 101 or MGMT 101

Introduction to principles and trends in public administration, including organization, policies and decision processes. Topics include organizational theory and behavior, functions and methods of management, and program design, implementation and evaluation.

POLS 151 — Law and Society

(3) S — CSU, UC*

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

Study of the American judicial system as a political institution. The linkage among courts, judges, lawyers and police is examined. Emphasis placed on issues involving the criminal justice system. (*UC Transfer Limit: POLS 151 and 151H combined: maximum credit, one course)

POLS 151H — Law and Society, Honors

(3) S — CSU, UC*

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

Limitation on Enrollment: Acceptance into the Honors Program.

Study of the American judicial system as a political institution. The linkage among courts, judges, lawyers and police is examined, with emphasis on issues involving the criminal justice system. Focus on critical legal thinking through discussion and persuasive writing on important legal concepts and principles, including major constitutional issues. (*UC Transfer Limit: POLS 151 and 151H combined: maximum credit, one course)

POLS 152 — Law and Society

(1) S — CSU

Co-requisites: POLS 151 or POLS 151H.

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

One-unit course taught by a local attorney, prosecutor or judge intended to augment POLS 151 through the viewpoint of a practitioner in the legal profession.

POLS 161-162-163-164 — Contemporary Political Issues

(1-2-3-4) F, S — CSU

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

Discussion course on current national and international issues. (*UC Transfer Limit: 161-164 computed as Independent Study; see counselor)

POLS 295 — Internship in Political Science

(2-4) F, S — CSU

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

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

Structured internship program whereby students gain experience as staff workers for public officials, public agencies, or as aides for private law firms.

POLS 299 — Independent Study in Political Science

(1-4) F, S — CSU

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

Limitation 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.

For complete information, see "Independent Study" in the *Catalog's* Index. (*UC Transfer Limit: POLS 299 computed as Independent Study; see counselor)