

Political Science (POL SCI)

POL SCI 1 Introduction to American Politics 4 Units

Department: Political Science

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of lecture and 1 or 2 hours of discussion per week.

An introductory analysis of the structure and operations of the American political system, primarily at the national level.

Satisfies the American Institutions requirement

POL SCI 2 Introduction to Comparative Politics 4 Units

Department: Political Science

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week. 8 hours of lecture and 4 hours of discussion per week for 6 weeks.

This course deals with the basic problems and processes that all political systems face and examines their particular expression in Western, Communist, and Third World settings.

POL SCI 3 Introduction to Empirical Analysis and Quantitative Methods 4 Units

Department: Political Science

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of lecture and 1 to 2 hours of discussion per week. 9 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week for 6 weeks.

Analytical and methodological problems of political inquiry, with an emphasis on quantification and measurement.

POL SCI 4 Introduction to Political Theory 4 Units

Department: Political Science

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of lecture and 1 or 2 hours of discussion per week. 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 or 5 hours of discussion per week for 6 weeks.

An approach to the understanding of politics through the perspectives and language of the political theorist.

POL SCI 5 Introduction to International Relations 4 Units

Department: Political Science

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of Lecture and 1 to 2 hour of Discussion per week for 15 weeks. 6 hours of Lecture and 1.5 to 2.5 hours of Discussion per week for 8 weeks.

This course is designed to introduce students to the major theoretical approaches to international politics, to explore important historical and contemporary questions and debates in international affairs, and to teach students to think critically about international relations. It is a prerequisite for most upper division international relations courses in Political Science.

POL SCI 18AC Race, Culture, and Politics in the Golden State 4 Units

Department: Political Science

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Summer