POLITICAL SCIENCE

POL 151 Credit by Exam: California Government (1)
The state code requirement in California state and local government may be satisfied by passing an examination in the political science department.

POL 199 Media: Contempo Issues (2)

POL 200 American Political System (3)
An examination of American politics and governmental institutions. Introduces students to the political system and how to participate in it should the need arise. Satisfies the code requirements in American Constitution and California state and local government. Satisfies GE, category D4 (U.S. Constitution and State and Local Government). CAN GOVT 2.

POL 201 Ideas and Institutions (4)
An analysis of the basic political values and their impact on society. Students will be introduced to the relationship between values, ideology, and the political process. Political science majors are expected to take this course, which stresses written expression, during their first year in the department. Satisfies GE, category D5 (Contemporary International Perspectives).

POL 202 Issues in Modern American Politics (4)
Leaders and issues in American political life considered in relation to major policies and movements, e.g., progressivism, isolationism, the New Deal, and containment. Open to majors and minors in political science. Meets code requirements in American Constitution and California state and local government. Satisfies GE, category D4 (U.S. Constitution and State and Local Government).

POL 292 Social Science Library Research (1)
A basic introduction to social science library research sources, with special emphasis on political science. Course includes learning library research skills and practice with print resources and electronic sources.

POL 302 Social Science Research Methods (4)
Social science research and statistical methods, which includes as a significant component computer-based data analysis using the SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences) programs. It may include building data files and data analysis using multivariate tables, correlations, and regression techniques in a directed research project. The course includes a two-hour laboratory.

POL 303 Introduction to Comparative Government (4)
Reviews the principal concepts and theories of comparative politics, and assesses the institutions that comprise varied systems of government. Concrete examples taken from modern systems will be applied throughout the course. Special attention is focused on the political systems of Britain, France, Japan, Russia, and China. Students are assigned research projects on political systems of developing nations.

POL 304 Introduction to International Relations (4)
An introductory analysis of the dynamics of the international political system, stressing the roles of supranational organizations, and internal and external factors in foreign policy formulation by nation-states. Review of traditional and contemporary theories of international interaction.

POL 310 Classical Political Thought (2-4)
A comprehensive look at the foundations of Western political thought, with particular attention to the theories of Plato, Aristotle, and Thomas Aquinas.

POL 311 Development of Modern Political Thought Since 1500 (4)
Examination of the major writings from Machiavelli to the present. Emphasis on original sources and development of student opinions on ideas discussed.

POL 312 American Political Thought (4)
An examination of the development of American political ideas as reflected in the works and careers of representative writers and political leaders.

POL 313 Critical Theory: Race and Gender (4)
Using race and gender as analytical tools, we investigate how major authors in the field “deconstruct” concepts such as rights, democracy, the autonomous individual, and freedom. We will evaluate the central proposition of critical theory that these political principles have been used to “disguise” disparities in power and resources in this country. The ultimate question students will answer is, how useful is critical theory in reevaluating our political values as we face an increasingly diverse and interdependent world?

POL 315 Democracy, Capitalism, and Socialism (3-4)
Examination of the major ideas of important theorists about the relationships among democracy, capitalism, and socialism. A consideration of the actual strengths and shortcomings of some of the current world’s major political/economic systems that attempt to put these ideas into practice. Satisfies GE, category D5 (Contemporary International Perspectives).

POL 320 State, City and County Government (4)
An introductory study of the political structure and process at the state, county and municipal levels, with emphasis on urban and regional problems. The changing relationships between the state and federal governments will be explored. Political decision making at all three levels will be discussed in depth. Satisfies, by petition, the state code requirement in California state and local government. Can be used to fulfill prerequisite courses for M.P.A. program for structure of state and local government agencies, as well as the political science requirement for the California cultural studies major.

POL 330 Race, Ethnicity, and Politics (4)
A survey of the unique impact of race and ethnicity on American politics, including analysis of constitutional, legal, and historical factors affecting the status of persons of color. Attention to the role race and ethnicity play in the media, elections, political participation and representation, public opinion, public policy, and popular culture.

POL 345 Model United Nations (MUN) (4)
Introduction to the political structure and functions of the United Nations, with emphasis on team participation at the Western MUN or National MUN in New York. Students play decision-maker roles that they research for preparation of position papers on agenda items.

POL 350 European Parliamentary Democracies (4)
The theory and practice of democratic government in Britain, France, and Germany. Using the United States as a basis for comparison, the course will consider the many important variations in the ways parties, parliaments, bureaucracies, and executives have developed and perform in the European political arena.

POL 351 Politics of Russia (4)
The political evolution of Russia in the post-Soviet era. Evaluation of Russian political institutions and political culture. Analysis of the most significant problems affecting democratic transition. Review of Soviet political traditions.

POL 352 Politics of Eastern Europe (4)
The political development of the East European nations from the interwar period to the present. Special attention is paid to the problems and prospects for democratic transition in the region, with particular concentration on Hungary, the Czech Republic, Poland, and the former Republics of Yugoslavia.

POL 354 Comparative Political Parties (4)
A comparative approach to the structure and dynamics of political parties, party systems, and electoral law. The course will consider parties and their impact on the political process in the United States, Europe, and selected cases in other global areas.
POLS 390 Special Topics (1-4)
A seminar lecture series on a specific theme or topic presented by members of the department, other SSU faculty, and guest speakers. May be audited or taken for credit.

POLS 391 Gender and Politics (4)
This course explores how gender is used to interpret American politics. Major works in the field are used to investigate the explanatory power of gender as an analytic category. Specific topics include the Constitution, elections, the media, social movements, race, sexuality, and comparative issues. How these aspects of American politics affect, and are affected by, men and women, will be addressed.

POLS 406 Interdisciplinary Seminar (1-4)

POLS 415 Explorations in Political Theory (3-4)
A seminar dealing with selected topics in political theory, including contemporary theories of the political system, the political novel, revolutionary theorists, and socialist theory. A different area of emphasis will be offered each year. Consult Schedule of Classes for current offering. May be repeated for credit.

POLS 420 American Political Development (4)
The development of American Political institutions including the Congress, the Presidency, the Political Party System, the Public Bureaucracy, and Federalism over time from the early years of the republic to the present. Emphasis will be upon explaining stability, critical junctures, and political change on those institutions understood from a development perspective.

POLS 421 Federal and Intergovernmental Relations (3-4)
This course examines how the different levels of government interact in the creation and implementation of public policies at the federal, state, and local levels. The class provides students with an understanding of the theory and reality of federalism in the American political system. Can be used to fulfill prerequisite course for M.P.A. program for intergovernmental relations.

POLS 423 Introduction to Constitutional Law (4)
Judicial interpretation of the Constitution, with particular emphasis upon separation of powers, presidential powers, relationship between state and national government control of interstate commerce, and jurisdiction of the courts.

POLS 424 The Bill of Rights, Civil Liberties, and the Constitution (4)
Judicial interpretation of the Constitution in the areas of civil liberties, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, rights of persons accused of crimes, citizenship, and the government's responsibility to protect persons from discrimination.

POLS 425 The American Party System (4)
An examination of political parties in the American system. Comparison with party systems in other democratic countries, Independent voters, third parties, proposed reforms and the nature of the electorate. Satisfies, with Political Science department chair's signature, the state code requirement in U.S. constitution and California state and local government.

POLS 426 The Legislative Process (4)
An examination of the organization and operation of the American Congress. For comparative purposes, legislatures in selected American states and Western European democracies will be briefly considered. Satisfies, with Political Science department chair's signature, the state code requirement in U.S. Constitution and California state and local government.

POLS 427 The American Presidency (4)
An examination of the place of the Presidency in the American governmental system. Emphasis will be placed upon the interplay between the President and other elements of the system, particularly the Congress, the bureaucracy, and the media. Satisfies, with Political Science department chair's signature, the state code requirements in U.S. Constitution and California state and local government.

POLS 428 Seminar: California Politics and Government (4)
Analysis of the California political system. Attention is given to governmental institutions, but primary emphasis is upon parties, interest groups, public opinion, ideologies, and leadership. Satisfies, with Political Science department chair's signature, the state code requirement in U.S. Constitution and California state and local government. Can be used to fulfill prerequisite courses for M.P.A. program for structure of state and local government agencies, as well as the political science requirement for the California Cultural Studies major.

POLS 429 Interest Groups (4)
The role of interest groups in the American policy-making process. Group formation, the influence of money, and P.A.C.s on election outcomes and lobbying reform. Satisfies, with Political Science department chair's signature, the state code requirement in U.S. constitution and California state and local government.

POLS 430 Introduction to Public Administration (4)
An introduction to the field of public administration, with emphasis upon bureaucratic life, leadership, and decision making.

POLS 431 Politics and the Media (4)
The role of the mass media in American political life. Emphasis on television, news magazines, major newspapers, and political columnists, and their interrelationship with American political institutions.

POLS 439 Political Science Internship (1-6)
Field experience in city, county, state, and federal agencies. May be repeated three times for credit. Note that no more than a total of six internship and special studies units may be counted in the 40-unit major. Prerequisite: prior arrangement with a faculty member.

POLS 444 United States Foreign Policy (4)
An analysis of the forces, governmental and nongovernmental, that influence the formulation of U.S. foreign policy. An examination of the organizational structure charged with the formulation and execution of that policy, as well as the content of policy since World War II.

POLS 445 International Organizations (4)
An analysis of the theories and concepts guiding the study of international organizations, followed by an examination of the United Nations, the European Union, NATO, the WTO and other financial institutions, and various non-governmental organizations.

POLS 446 International Relations of the Middle East: Israel, the Palestinians, and the United States (4)
An examination of the evolution of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict with an emphasis on how regional and world power factors have affected, and been affected by, this conflict. The course will cover the historical background of modern European imperialism, the nature and character of the Palestine Mandate period, followed by discussion of the creation of the State of Israel in 1948 and the simultaneous emergence of the Palestinian Problem. The 1956, 1967, and 1973 Arab-Israeli wars and their relation to the rise of the Palestinian Resistance Movement will then be covered, followed by an analysis of the “peace process” of the 1990s and its breakdown.
POL1S 475 POLITICAL SCIENCE (4)
An examination of the political science of Latin America. After a review of the major theories and concepts, this course will compare the political systems of selected countries in the region.

POL1S 476 INSTITUTIONAL THEORY AND ANALYSIS (4)
An examination of the structure and process of urban and regional governments within the context of state sovereignty. Such aspects of local government, in both large and small urban areas, as planning, bureaucratic administration, social services, economic issues, the political policy making process, and civil rights will be discussed in depth.

POL1S 481 POLITICAL SCIENCE (4)
Comparative analysis of social policy in advanced industrial democracies. The course will look at relationships between politics, political culture, and public policy.

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A comparison of selected social policies in North America and Western Europe, with emphasis on explaining the national differences in policy content in such areas as education, environment, and aging policy.

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A course that looks at the historical and current development in labor relations in both the public sector and also in the not-for-profit sector. The course looks at changing concepts and their implications for the existing institutions, processes, and values for both sectors of the economy.

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An examination of the budgeting process with emphasis upon theories and politics of budgeting and budgeting process reform. Required for all MPA students.

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Examination of the historical development of the non-profit sector, its changing social contract, and critical legal/tax issues. Topics include board governance, mission, start up, life cycles, executive director-board-staff relationships, legal status, fiscal sponsorship, and IRS status and rulings.

POLS 582 Planning and Nonprofit Agencies (2)
This course addresses techniques of strategic and operational planning appropriate to nonprofit agency operation. Topics include needs and service assessment, marketing analysis, program evaluation, organization development, and strategic management techniques.

POLS 583 Resource Development for Nonprofit Agencies (4)
Course focus is on the techniques and importance of developing and implementing a comprehensive organizational resource development plan for funding, volunteers, and donations, as well as ensuring a diversified agency revenue base. In addition, the course covers fund-raising, major donor development, as well as the legal restrictions for nonprofit agencies and the funding criteria used by corporate, community, and private foundation funding sources.

POLS 585 Marketing and Public Relations for Nonprofit Agencies (2)
An examination of the role of marketing and public relations for nonprofit agencies, together with techniques for designing and implementing realistic marketing and public relations programs. Course will stress adaptation of marketing techniques for not-for-profit organizations, and will explore the types of access to press, electronic, and other media available to nonprofits.

POLS 587 Grant Writing and Administration (2)
Focus upon full process of prospect research, proposal development, application, contract management and administration of foundation, government, and corporate grants.

POLS 588 Issues in Nonprofit Administration (4)
An investigation of current issues and developments in the operation of nonprofit agencies.

POLS 595 Special Studies in Political Science (1-4)
A student may be invited by a faculty member to participate in a continuing research project under the faculty member's direction. The research may extend for more than a single semester. May be repeated for credit.

POLS 596 Graduate Tutorial (4)
An intensive review of the literature in specific areas of concentration, including budgeting, the American Presidency, legislatures, and such public policy areas as health, aging, and regulation. Prerequisite: completion of all master's degree requirements.

POLS 597 Graduate Internship (1-4)
Intensive field experience in a public or private agency. The student must define a current political problem and a strategy for dealing with the problem and work toward implementing the strategy.

POLS 599 Master's Thesis (2-4)
Prerequisite: submission of an authorized Advancement to Candidacy form.

Portuguese (PORT)

PORT 101 Beginning Portuguese (4)
Introductory course in Portuguese. This course develops skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing, as well as a knowledge of significant cultural topics in Portuguese-speaking areas of the world. Emphasis is on Brazilian Portuguese, but attention is also given to varieties spoken in Europe and Africa.

PORT 110 Portuguese for Spanish (3)
This course provides Spanish-speaking students with an accelerated introduction to spoken and written Portuguese. Prerequisite: SPAN 202 or consent of the instructor.