

## POLS - Political Science Courses

### **POLS B1 American Government: National, State and Local**

*3 units*

**Recommended:** BC placement into reading level 06 and writing level 06.

**Description:** A study of American government with emphasis on the national government. Includes a comprehensive analysis of governmental structure, functions, principles and problems. Includes analysis of California state and local governments. Partially satisfies the requirements in U.S. Constitution, American history and institutions and California state and local government.

**Hours:** 54 lecture

**C-ID:** POLS 110

**Transferable:** CSU, UC, and private colleges; CSU GE D; IGETC 4; BC GE D.2; BC GE D.3

### **POLS B2 Comparative Government**

*3 units*

**Recommended:** Successful completion of ENGL B50 with a grade of C or better, and BC placement into reading level 06.

**Description:** A comparative analysis of government structures and the underlying economic, social, and cultural systems of the principal nations of the industrial world: United States, United Kingdom, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Russia, and Japan. Additional emphasis on certain nations in sensitive geographic area or countries whose size and developing economics make them important, such as the People's Republic of China, Brazil, Mexico, Iran, India and Nigeria.

**Hours:** 54 lecture

**C-ID:** POLS 130

**Transferable:** CSU, UC, and private colleges; CSU GE D; IGETC 4; BC GE D.2

### **POLS B3 International Politics**

*3 units*

**Recommended:** BC placement into reading level 06.

**Description:** Surveys the dynamics and ideologies of present-day international politics and rivalries. Development of the national state system and the evolution of the techniques and arts of diplomacy, and the causes of war.

**Hours:** 54 lecture

**C-ID:** POLS 140

**Transferable:** CSU, UC, and private colleges; CSU GE D; IGETC 4; BC GE D.2

### **POLS B5 Current Issues/American Government**

*1-2 units*

**Recommended:** BC placement into reading level 06 and writing level 06.

**Description:** Study of special current events, such as elections, impeachment proceedings, public policies, or Constitutional revisions.

**Note:** Offered only as such events occur.

**Hours:** 18 lecture hours for each unit (18-36)

**Transferable:** CSU and private colleges.

### **POLS B12 Contemporary Issues in California State and Local Government**

*3 units*

**Recommended:** BC placement into reading level 06 and writing level 06.

**Description:** Analysis of the role of state and local governments, with special emphasis directed to the history and development of these institutions; the state and local political environment; political parties, interest group, citizen and media inputs; current problems and changing functions affecting local governments. Partially satisfies the requirements in U.S. Constitution, American history and institutions.

**Hours:** 54 lecture

**Transferable:** CSU and private colleges; CSU GE D; BC GE D.2; BC GE D.3

### **POLS B16 Vital Political Problems**

*3 units*

**Recommended:** BC placement into reading level 06 and writing level 06.

**Description:** Examination of major political problems challenging the United States today. Emphasis on class discussion and individual analysis of controversial topics involving political policy in the context of the study of political science.

**Hours:** 54 lecture

**Transferable:** CSU, UC, and private colleges; CSU GE D; IGETC 4; BC GE D.2