

POLITICAL SCIENCE Program

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POLITICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM OUTCOMES - PSLOs		Related ISLOs	Enter "X" in boxes as appropriate											
PSLO A	Analyze power and explain how it operates.	1A,1B,1C,1D,2 C,2D,3A,3B,3C, 3D,4A,4B	C		C		C		C		P		P	
PSLO B	Identify key institutions in government and society and outline their interaction.	1A,1B,1C,1D,2 C,2D,3A,3B,3C, 3D,4A,4B	C		C		C		C		P		P	
PSLO C	Describe ideas that play key roles in shaping politics and appraise them.	1A,1B,1C,1D,2 B,2C,2D,3A,3B, 3C,3D,4A,4B,4 C,4D	C		C		C		C		P		P	
PSLO D	Describe the role of rules and outline the processes of creating, implementing and changing them.	1A,1B,1C,1D,2 B,2C,2D,3A,3B, 3C,3D,4A,4B,4 D	C		C		C		C		P		P	
PSLO E	Discuss and evaluate the US in a global context.	1A,1B,1C,1D,2 A,2B,2C,2D,3A, 3B,3C,3D,4A,4 B,4C,4D	C		C		C		C		P		P	
PSLO F	Analyze and explain the impact of diversity on government and politics.	1A,1B,1C,1D,2 A,2B,2C,2D,3A, 3B,3C,3D,4A,4 B,4C,4D	C		C		C		C		P		P	
PSLO G	Apply scientific theories on state-society relations.	1A,1B,1C,1D,2 A,2B,2C,2D,3A, 3B,3C,3D,4C	C		C		C		C		P		P	
PSLO H	Describe issues in politics, outline policies and recommend reforms.	1A,1B,1C,1D,2 B,2C,2D,3A,3B, 3C,3D,4A, 4C,4D	C		C		C		C		P		P	
POLITICAL SCIENCE FOR TRANSFER AA-T DEGREE - same as the PSLOs.														

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	POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSE OUTCOMES - CSLOs												
	POLS 1 - American Government												
		C - Completed, P - Planned											
CSLO 1	Critically evaluate U.S. and California government using principles of democracy and/or American political values	C		C		C		C		P		P	
CSLO 2	Differentiate the key elements of the U.S. and California constitutions and describe how they have changed over time	C		C		C		C		P		P	
CSLO 3	Define federalism and appraise it in the United States	C		C		C		C		P		P	
CSLO 4	Define civil rights and civil liberties, identify their sources and outline how and why they have changed over time	C		C		C		C		P		P	
CSLO 5	Evaluate the role of the media in the political process and determine how public opinion influences public policy	C		C		C		C		P		P	
CSLO 6	Analyze and critique the role and impact of interest groups and political parties in the national and state political systems	C		C		C		C		P		P	
CSLO 7	Explain and evaluate the national and state election processes	C		C		C		C		P		P	
CSLO 8	Compare the roles and powers of each of the three branches of government at the state and national levels	C		C		C		C		P		P	
CSLO 9	Define political bureaucracy, identify its roles and evaluate its performance	C		C		C		C		P		P	
CSLO 10	Outline the policy making process at the national level, analyzing relations amongst the three branches of government, social institutions and citizen participation	C		C		C		C		P		P	
CSLO 11	Compare and contrast local government institutions and processes to the state and national levels	C		C		C		C		P		P	

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POLS 9 - Politics of the Middle East		C - Completed, P - Planned											
CSLO 1	Define and evaluate key concepts including terrorism and nationalism.	C,H											
CSLO 2	Explain why anti-Western sentiment is embedded in Middle Eastern public opinion and propose solutions.	C,E,H											
CSLO 3	Describe Islamic civilization.	C,D,F											
CSLO 4	Categorize states according to government type.	A,B,C,D,G											
CSLO 5	Contrast the treatment of social groups by different governments.	A,B,C,D,G											
CSLO 6	Compose a proposal for resolving conflict in the region.	B,C,F,H		C									
CSLO 7	Evaluate the motives behind US policy in the region.	A,C,E											
CSLO 8	Evaluate the significance of oil for politics in the region.	B,E,H											
CSLO 9	Examine the causes of the Arab-Israeli conflict.	A,C,E,F,H		C									
CSLO 10	Compare the role of nationalism to that of Islamic revival.	C,F,H		C									
POLS 12 - Terrorism													
CSLO 1	Define terrorism and distinguish it from other forms of political violence.	A,B,D,G,H		C				C					
CSLO 2	Evaluate counterterrorism policy options in light of morality, effectiveness and civil liberties.	B,C,D,H											
CSLO 3	Assess the relationship between technological progress and vulnerability to terrorism.	C,E,H											
CSLO 4	Compose policy options to cope with terrorist incidents.	B,F,G,H											
CSLO 5	Categorize and differentiate sets of ideas that have motivated terrorists.	C,F,H											
CSLO 6	Describe the historical origins of terrorism and restate its evolutionary course.	E,G,H											
CSLO 7	Evaluate the role of the media and its coverage of terrorism and the war on terrorism.	B,E,G											
CSLO 8	Evaluate the links between types of weapons and alternative morals developed by terrorists.	C,E,H											
CSLO 9	Defend and critique America's national security policy and its international conduct as they relate to terrorism's causes and antidotes.	A,C,E,G,H											
CSLO 10	Contrast materialist and ideational views of the motives of terrorists.	C,F,G											
POLS 16 - Introduction to Political Theory													
CSLO 1	Define, apply, and evaluate key concepts of political theory.	D,G,H		C		C		C					
CSLO 2	Investigate the impact of religion on politics.	B,C,D,F											
CSLO 3	Analyze the manner in which politicians make use of ideas.	A,C,G		C		C		C					
CSLO 4	Outline the impacts of globalization on political theory.	E,F		C		C		C					
CSLO 5	Contrast rival theories critical of liberalism.	C,G,H											
CSLO 6	Compose strategies for bridging ideological gaps.	D,H											
CSLO 7	Critically assess the practicality of the various political ideologies.	F,G,H		C		C		C					
CSLO 8	Evaluate the importance of historical context in shaping ideologies.	D,G,H											
CSLO 9	Examine the compatibility of rival ideologies.	A,C,D,G,H		C		C		C					
CSLO 10	Compare different theories in search of their shared assumptions.	G,H		C		C		C					

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INSTITUTIONAL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES - ISLOs													
ISLO 1	COMMUNICATION												
1A	Read												
1B	Listen												
1C	Write												
1D	Dialogue												
ISLO 2													
TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION COMPETENCY													
2A	Demonstrate Technical Literacy												
2B	Apply Technology												
2C	Access Information												
2D	Evaluate and Examine Information												
ISLO 3													
CRITICAL AND CREATIVE THINKING													
3A	Inquire												
3B	Analyze												
3C	Problem Solve												
3D	Express												
ISLO 4													
CITIZENSHIP													
4A	Ethics												
4B	Diversity												
4C	Sustainability/Global Awareness												
4D	Personal Responsibility												
POLITICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM OUTCOMES - PSLOs		Related ISLOs											

CSLO 1	Evaluate the study of political theory, based on original texts and other sources, as a means for understanding important political phenomena and analyzing relevant contemporary issues in the U.S. and globally.	A,C,E,G								C		C			P	
CSLO 2	Analyze the different assumptions and values about "human nature" and "reality" embedded in each political theory and examine the way these starting premises shape our understanding of institutions in government and political life.	B,C,F,G								C		C			P	
CSLO 3	Assess the historical and social contexts in shaping political theories.	A,C,F,G								C		C			P	
CSLO 4	Compare and contrast defining elements of each political theory, such as purpose of government, the relationship between government and the people, and political change, and compose strategies for bridging gaps in political theories.	A,B,C,F,G,H													P	
	POLS 17 - Introduction to Political Science Research Methods															
CSLO 1	Explain the basic principles of the scientific method.	G											C		P	
CSLO 2	Demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between theory and research.	G											C		P	
CSLO 3	Demonstrate knowledge of general research designs, experimental and non-experimental methods, and standard research practices.	G											C		P	
CSLO 4	Select and defend research designs and data collection procedures appropriate to test hypotheses.	G											C		P	
CSLO 5	Critically evaluate reports of research findings, assess the generalizability of research results, and synthesize a body of research findings.	G								C		C			P	
CSLO 6	Explain the ethical treatment of participants in research and the institutional requirements for conducting research.	A,C,G											C		P	
	POLS 18 - California Government		SUMMER													
CSLO 1	Place California state and local government into the context of relations with the federal government.	A,B,G										C				
CSLO 2	Outline the composition and interaction of the three branches of California's government at the state level.	A,B,D,H										C				
CSLO 3	Outline the functions and composition of local government in California, identifying contrasts with the state government.	B,D,F,G										C				
CSLO 4	Explain the roles of ideas and social groups in political processes in the state.	A,B,C,D,F,G										C				
	POLS 27 - Women and Politics in a Global Society		C - Completed, P - Planned													
CSLO 1	Analyze the interactions of race, gender, class and legal status in women's everyday practices of citizenship.	A,B,C,E,F,G,H										C		C		P
CSLO 2	Analyze the contributions of women and social organizations in promoting self-determination and promoting women's concerns.	A,B,C,D,E,F,H										C		C		P
CSLO 3	Discuss, analyze and chart feminism as a global political theory.	A,C,E,F,G,H												C		P
CSLO 4	Assess the impact of globalization on women's rights and describe and analyze public policy issues, which most affect women and the "gender gap".	A,C,D,H												C		P
CSLO 5	Explain the roles of culture, ideologies, economics and government in shaping the status of women in the Global North and Global South.	A,B,C,D,F										C		C		P
	POLS 28 - Independent Study															

