

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

The political science major provides systematic knowledge of the nature and scope of political science with a diverse academic regimen of academic research and practical application. In a nutshell, it is the study of politics and government with concentrations that include: American government, public policy, foreign affairs, political philosophy, and comparative government. In addition, a political science major is preparation for general education, good citizenship and participation in political life.

## Associate in Arts Transfer Degrees

- Political Science - Associate in Arts Transfer Degree (<https://lbcc-public.courseleaf.com/degrees-certificates/political-science/political-science-aat/>)

### POLSC 1 (C-ID POLS 110) 3 units

#### Introduction to Government

##### 54 hours lecture

Grading: letter grade.

This course is an introduction to the principles and issues of government and the political process in a diverse society, emphasizing the government of the United States, as well as California state and local governments.

Transferable to both UC and CSU; see counselor for limitations

### POLSC 1H (C-ID POLS 110) 3 units

#### Honors Introduction to Government

##### 54 hours lecture

Prerequisite: Qualification for the Honors Program.

Grading: letter grade.

This course is an introduction to the principles and issues of government and the political process in a diverse society, emphasizing the U.S. government and California state and local governments.

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### POLSC 2 (C-ID POLS 130) 3 units

#### Comparative Government

##### 54 hours lecture

Recommended Preparation: ENGL 1, ENGL 1H, ENGL 1S, or ESL 1S.

Grading: letter grade or pass/no pass.

This course introduces students to analytical methods used to compare political systems and governments. It examines the politics of selected states from among industrial and post-industrial democracies, developing countries, and communist and post-communist systems. Issues given particular attention include democratization, economic development, ideologies, political culture, trans-state organizations, globalization, and political change.

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### POLSC 3 3 units

#### Issues of American Government

##### 54 hours lecture

Grading: letter grade or pass/no pass.

This course is an intensive study of current issues involving the basic concepts of American democracy, public policy, federalism, government finance, pressure groups, legislative, executive and judicial powers, civil rights and liberties, and international politics. This course is highly recommended for political science majors at CSU Long Beach.

Transferable to both UC and CSU; see counselor for limitations

### POLSC 4 (C-ID POLS 140) 3 units

#### World Politics

##### 54 hours lecture

Grading: letter grade or pass/no pass.

An introduction to international relations theory with an examination of national, international, transnational, and sub-national actors and their institutions, interactions and processes as they relate to global issues. This class satisfies one lower division social science requirement for majors in political science, history, sociology, humanities, physical sciences and life sciences at UCLA.

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### POLSC 4H (C-ID POLS 140) 3 units

#### Honors World Politics

##### 54 hours lecture

Prerequisite: Qualification for the Honors Program.

Grading: letter grade or pass/no pass.

This course is an introduction to recent and contemporary international relations, foreign policy-making institutions, and the politics of selected foreign states. This class satisfies one lower division social science requirement for majors in political science, history, sociology, humanities, physical sciences and life sciences at UCLA.

Transferable to both UC and CSU; see counselor for limitations

### POLSC 9 3 units

#### The Constitution, Law and Society

##### 54 hours lecture

Grading: letter grade or pass/no pass.

This course is a general survey of the United States Constitution and the United States legal system. Included is the study of the origins, judicial interpretations, and societal effects of the Constitution. The course emphasizes the legal system with specific focus on the role of the United States Supreme Court in issuing decisions of a societally relevant and interdisciplinary nature. The controversial role of law in political and social issues is examined with regard to all areas of United States Supreme Court jurisdiction. Law is analyzed as an integral part of the political process and its effects on society.

Transferable to both UC and CSU; see counselor for limitations

**POLSC 10 (C-ID POLS 150) 3 units**

**Introduction to Political Science**

**54 hours lecture**

Grading: letter grade or pass/no pass.

This course introduces basic concepts and approaches in the discipline of political science. Theories of political institutions, systems and subsystems are examined. Methods and approaches of political analysis are developed in the study of classical and modern political problems.

Transferable to both UC and CSU; see counselor for limitations

**POLSC 11 (C-ID POLS 120) 3 units**

**Introduction to Political Theory**

**54 hours lecture**

Grading: letter grade.

This course is an introduction to Western political thought. It examines perennial issues of politics concerning justice, power, and the nature of the state. The course surveys the central political thinkers associated with the ancient, medieval, modern, and postmodern eras of Western political theory.

Transferable to both UC and CSU; see counselor for limitations

**POLSC 48M1 1 units**

**California State/Local Government**

**18 hours lecture**

Grading: letter grade.

This is a credit by examination course to satisfy the requirement for a course in the principles of California state and local government as required by Title 5 of the California Administrative Code (and as part of the CSU's graduation requirement in American Institutions). The course will provide a survey of the forces shaping the governmental institutions and processes of the State of California and its cities, counties and special districts. Students will prepare for the examination by guiding themselves through course content based on required learning outcomes, objectives, and materials. This course is available during both the Fall and Spring Semesters.

Transferable to CSU Only