

# Political Science (POLS)

## **POLS& 101 Introduction to Political Science**

**5 credits | SOCS**

**Quarter(s): F, W, Sp**

Examines the foundations of political science: key political ideas, theories, processes, and institutions, and explores examples of these in today's world.

Prerequisite: None

## **POLS& 202 US Government**

**5 credits | SOCS**

**Quarter(s): S, F, W, Sp**

Studies the structure practices and interactions of the political and governmental institutions of the United States, evaluating them from multiple theoretical perspectives.

Prerequisite: ENGL&101

## **POLS& 203 International Relations**

**5 credits | SOCS**

**Quarter(s): W, Sp**

Introduces the nature and basic principles of international politics, with an analysis of such concepts as imperialism, nationalism, internationalism, the causes of war, and conditions for peace.

Prerequisite: ENGL& 101

## **POLS& 204 Comparative Government** **5 credits | SOCS**

Analyzes the political and economic systems and ideologies of capitalism, socialism, communism, and fascism within the context of the cultural traditions of Western Civilization and considers these systems as alternative methods of the allocation of political and economic power in society, with special emphasis given to the disparity between the stated objectives of these systems and their actual accomplishment.

Prerequisites: None

## **POLS 220 Law and Social Issues**

**5 credits | SOCS**

**Quarter(s): Sp**

Examines the interrelationships between law and social structures, processes, evolution and changes in society and laws. Explores lines drawn by democracies in the attempt to reconcile individual freedoms with the rights of the community. Analyzes and evaluates issues with basic rights and liberties, freedom of expression, due process of law, and political, social and racial equality.

Prerequisites: ENGL& 101

## **POLS 288 Cooperative Work Experience**

**1-15 credits**

Provides work-based learning experience in a specific program of study. Individualized student outcomes are developed, focusing on behaviors that contribute to workplace success.

Prerequisites: Instructor or Cooperative Education Coordinator permission

Concurrent requirements: COLL 289 or BUS 294 must be taken prior to or concurrent with this course.

**POLS 294 Selected Topics in Political Science I****1-5 credits****Quarter(s): W**

Examines topical or special issues in political science. Course theme and content change to reflect new topics, which are announced in the quarterly class schedule.

Prerequisite: None

**POLS 295 Selected Topics In Political Science II****1-5 credits**

Examines topical or special issues in political science. Course theme and content change to reflect new topics, which are announced in the quarterly class schedule.

Prerequisite: None

**POLS 296 Selected Topics In Political Science III****1-5 credits**

Examines topical or special issues in political science. Course theme and content change to reflect new topics, which are announced in the quarterly class schedule.

Prerequisite: None

**POLS 297 Selected Topics in Political Science IV****1-5 credits**

Examines topical or special issues in political science. Course theme and content change to reflect new topics, which are announced in the quarterly class schedule.

Prerequisite: None

**POLS 299 Independent Study  
1-10 credits**

Offers individualized learning opportunities for knowledge or skill development. Content and expectations are established between the student and instructor, and documented in an Independent Study contract.

Prerequisites: By instructor permission only.