

POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

POLS-C1000**American Government and Politics****3 UNITS**

3.0 hours lecture

This course is an introduction to government and politics in the United States and California. Students examine the constitutions, structure, and operation of governing institutions, civil liberties and civil rights, political behaviors, political issues, and public policy using political science theory and methodology. Analysis of the evolution of the structures and functions of the U.S. and California political systems from the time of the nation's founding to the present day. Emphasis is on the dynamic nature of the American political experience and how that experience impacts the functioning of the U.S. political system. The course will also explore the larger cultural, economic, and sociological forces shaping the U.S. political system. In addition, the development and evolution of the U.S. Constitution and policy making role of traditional political institutions such as the presidency, the Congress, and the judiciary will be explored. Finally, the impact of other political forces such as mass movements, the media, the bureaucracy, interest groups, and ethnic and social groups will be examined. Topics will be illustrated through reference to current political events. Formerly POSC 121. Not open to students with credit in POSC 121. (C-ID POLS 110) (CSU/UC) (AA/AS-4, Cal-GETC-4)

Common Course Numbering

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