

POLITICAL SCIENCE (POL)

POL 2001 - Introduction to Political Science (Conceptions : VCSS - Social Science) - 4 cr.

Introduction to the discipline of political science and the nature of political discourse, institutions and organizations. Topics range from politics and culture to terrorism and international relations.

Equivalent Course: GCL 2001

POL 2280 - Rethinking Religion and Culture after 9/11 - 4 cr.

Offers students the opportunity to engage in historical reflection on 9/11 in light of recent work in religious studies and political philosophy on the rise of global religious violence throughout the world today. Examines 9/11 and its aftermath in relation to contemporary debates on the American-led "war on terror," the socio-political origins of international terrorism, the politics of corporate-led globalization, and transnational peace movements in the wake of the war in Iraq.

POL 3001 - Globalization of Food and Agriculture (Integrations : VISS - Social Science) - 4 cr.

Students are exposed to divergent points of view and forms of analysis that surround the debate over globalization. The course stresses that globalization is not only about economics and politics but also wide ranging cultural, social and moral issues confronting the world community.

Equivalent Course: GSJ 3001

POL 3302 - Europe Today (Integrations : VISS - Social Science) - 4 cr.

Analyzes the contemporary political and economic structures and explores the cultural and social dynamics that shape modern Europe. The course examines cooperation between European states and resistance to European unity.

POL 3331 - American Government - 4 cr.

Study of national government and development of form and functions of the federal system. Topics range from constitutional issues to public policy debates.

POL 3333 - Introduction to Comparative Politics - 4 cr.

Introduces students to contemporary political processes, actors, institutions, and challenges via comparison across (and within) countries and regions of the world. We will cover topics like democracy and authoritarianism, economic and political development, executive and legislative processes, courts and legal systems, political parties, contentious politics and protests, regime change, political violence, terrorism, civil war, coups, and revolution.

POL 3777 - Topics in Political Science - 4 cr.

Topics.

POL 4402 - Water and Politics (Integrations : VISS - Social Science) - 4 cr.

An examination of debates dealing with global environmental problems and the varying roles of nongovernmental organizations. Topics vary from resource wars to environmental racism as issues confronting the human community.

Equivalent Course: GSJ 4402

POL 4777 - Topics in Political Science - 0-4 cr.

Topics.

POL 4999 - Independent Study - 0-8 cr.

Independent Study.