

POL S102 : Modern Comparative Governments

General Information

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Course Code (CB01) :	POL S102
Course Title (CB02) :	Modern Comparative Governments
Department:	POL S
Proposal Start:	Winter 2025
TOP Code (CB03) :	(2207.00) Political Science
CIP Code:	(45.1001) Political Science and Government, General.
SAM Code (CB09) :	Non-Occupational
Distance Education Approved:	No
Will this course be taught asynchronously?:	No
Course Control Number (CB00) :	CCC000296077
Curriculum Committee Approval Date:	05/08/2024
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Course Description and Course Note:	POL S 102 is a comparative study of the constitutional principles, governmental institutions, political parties, and recent history of policy and action of selected foreign governments. Students will explore democratic and authoritarian political regimes. Conflict in deeply divided societies, political violence, reform, and revolution will be investigated.
Justification:	Mandatory Revision
Academic Career:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Credit
Author:	No value

Academic Senate Discipline

Primary Discipline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Political Science
Alternate Discipline:	No value
Alternate Discipline:	No value

Course Development

Basic Skill Status (CB08) Course is not a basic skills course.	Course Special Class Status (CB13) Course is not a special class.	Grading Basis <ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade with Pass / No-Pass Option
<input type="checkbox"/> Allow Students to Gain Credit by Exam/Challenge	Pre-Collegiate Level (CB21) Not applicable.	Course Support Course Status (CB26) Course is not a support course

Transferability & Gen. Ed. Options

General Education Status (CB25)

Not Applicable

Transferability

Transferable to both UC and CSU

Transferability Status

Approved

IGETC Area	Area	Status	Approval Date	Comparable Course
4H-Political Science, Government & Legal Institutions	Political Science, Government & Legal Institutions	Approved	09/09/1991	No Comparable Course defined.
CSU GE-Breadth Area	Area	Status	Approval Date	Comparable Course
D8-Political Science, Government and Legal Institutions	Political Science, Government and Legal Institutions	Approved	No value	No Comparable Course defined.
C-ID	Area	Status	Approval Date	Comparable Course
POLS	Political Science	Approved	02/18/2014	POLS 130 - Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics

Units and Hours

Summary

Minimum Credit Units (CB07)	3
Maximum Credit Units (CB06)	3
Total Course In-Class (Contact) Hours	54
Total Course Out-of-Class Hours	108
Total Student Learning Hours	162

Credit / Non-Credit Options

Course Type (CB04)

Credit - Degree Applicable

Noncredit Course Category (CB22)

Credit Course.

Noncredit Special Characteristics

No Value

Course Classification Code (CB11)

Credit Course.

Variable Credit Course

Funding Agency Category (CB23)

Not Applicable.

Cooperative Work Experience
 Education Status (CB10)

Weekly Student Hours

In Class

Out of Class

Course Student Hours

Course Duration (Weeks)

18

Lecture Hours	3	6
Laboratory Hours	0	0
Studio Hours	0	0

Hours per unit divisor	54
Course In-Class (Contact) Hours	
Lecture	54
Laboratory	0
Studio	0
Total	54

Course Out-of-Class Hours	
Lecture	108
Laboratory	0
Studio	0
Total	108

Time Commitment Notes for Students

No value

Units and Hours - Weekly Specialty Hours

Activity Name	Type	In Class	Out of Class
No Value	No Value	No Value	No Value

Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, Anti-requisites and Advisories

Prerequisite

POL S101 - Introduction to United States and California Government and Politics

Objectives

- Describe the theoretical basis of government.
- Describe and evaluate the impact of federalism.
- Analyze the elements of the federal Constitution and the California Constitution.
- Evaluate the basic institutions of the federal government and the State of California.
- Evaluate political processes such as elections and interest groups affecting the federal government and California.
- Critique selected public policies.
- Analyze the role of culture, diversity, and ideology in shaping public opinion and public policy in the United States and California.

AND

Advisory

POL S103 - Introduction To World Politics

Objectives

- Explain international relations theory and apply relevant theoretical concepts to historical and current events.
- Identify international institutions.
- Describe the roles of national, international, transnational, and sub-national actors.
- Analyze and evaluate key topics such as conflict, cooperation, diplomacy, international law, human rights, and international political economy.
- Analyze, evaluate, and propose solutions to contemporary world problems.

Entry Standards

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Course Limitations

Cross Listed or Equivalent Course

Specifications

Methods of Instruction

Methods of Instruction Lecture

Methods of Instruction Discussion

Methods of Instruction Multimedia

Methods of Instruction Collaborative Learning

Out of Class Assignments

- Research paper (e.g., a research paper comparing and contrasting institutions and/or processes in states with different political regimes)
- Written or oral report on public lectures or presentations relating to the countries under study (e.g., prepare a written evaluation on a presentation by an expert in a field related to the country under study)

Methods of Evaluation

Rationale

Exam/Quiz/Test

Essay examinations

Exam/Quiz/Test

Final examination requiring demonstration of course exit standards, including an essay

Presentation (group or individual)

Student presentations

Project/Portfolio

Student project

Textbook Rationale

No Value

Textbooks

Author	Title	Publisher	Date	ISBN
O'Neil, P	Essentials of Comparative Politics	New York: W. W. Norton	2023	978-0393912784
O'Neil, P	Cases in Comparative Politics	New York: W. W. Norton	2023	9781324061939
O'Neil P. et al	Cases and Concepts in Political Science	New York: W.W. Norton	2023	9781324062004
Orvis, S and Drogus C.	Introducing Comparative Politics: Concepts and Cases in Context	Washington D.C.: CQ Press	2024	978-1071875506
Other Instructional Materials (i.e. OER, handouts) No Value				
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Learning Outcomes and Objectives

Course Objectives

Differentiate common patterns of government.

Analyze political systems from different world regions.

Compare democratic and authoritarian governments.

Evaluate various forms of government in their ability to solve social, economic and political problems.

SLOs

Compare and critique the political systems of two or more countries.

Expected Outcome Performance: 70.0

ILOs
Core ILOs Analyze and solve problems using critical, logical, and creative thinking; ask questions, pursue a line of inquiry, and derive conclusions; cultivate creativity that leads to innovative ideas.

Reflect and act upon personal responsibility as local and global citizens; respect and appreciate social and cultural diversity and recognize the complexity of the world; value and articulate the significance of environmental sustainability and social justice.

POL 5 Political Science	Critically analyze and evaluate political institutions and processes in their state, national and international environments.
SOC 5 Social Sciences	Developed a broad and critical understanding of the complex interconnections between the human and environmental forces in their world.
ILOs General Education	apply methodologies used by social and behavioral scientists recall, analyze, and synthesize theories and real-world issues and topics related to social, political, and/or economic institutions

Analyze political systems from different world regions.

Expected Outcome Performance: 70.0

Differentiate common patterns of government.

Expected Outcome Performance: 70.0

Additional SLO Information

Does this proposal include revisions that might improve student attainment of course learning outcomes?

No

Is this proposal submitted in response to learning outcomes assessment data?

No

If yes was selected in either of the above questions for learning outcomes, explain and attach evidence of discussions about learning outcomes.

No Value

SLO Evidence

No Value

Course Content

Lecture Content

Introduction: Comparative Methods (3 hours)

- The Modern State
- Historical origins
- Political regimes
 - Democratic regimes
 - Authoritarian regimes

Modern Political Ideologies (3 hours)

- Conservatism
- Liberalism
- Socialism and communism
- Fascism
- Other ideologies
- Case studies

Political Identities (3 hours)

- National and ethnic identities
- Religion
- Gender
- Political identities and human rights
- Case studies

Democratic Political Institutions (8 hours)

- Executive functions
- Legislative functions
- Judicial functions

- Federal v. unitary systems
- Case studies

Democratic Political Processes (8 hours)

- Electoral systems
- Party systems
- Non-governmental organizations
- Social movements
- Case studies

Authoritarian Political Systems (12 hours)

- Types of authoritarian political regimes
- Authoritarian political institutions
- Authoritarian political processes
- Case studies

Political Development (9 hours)

- Theories of political development
- The impact of globalization
- Case studies

Political Economy (4 hours)

- States and markets
- The welfare state Political Change and Conflict

Transitions to democracy and authoritarianism (4 hours)

- Conflict in deeply divided societies
- Political Violence
- Reform and revolution

Total Hours: 54

Additional Information

Is this course proposed for GCC Major or General Education Graduation requirement? If yes, indicate which requirement in the two areas provided below.

Yes

GCC Major Requirements

No Value

GCC General Education Graduation Requirements

Social Sciences

Repeatability

Not Repeatable

Justification (if repeatable was chosen above)

No Value

Resources

Did you contact your departmental library liaison?

No

If yes, who is your departmental library liason?

No Value

Did you contact the DEIA liaison?

No

Were there any DEIA changes made to this outline?

No

If yes, in what areas were these changes made:

No Value

Will any additional resources be needed for this course? (Click all that apply)

- No

If additional resources are needed, add a brief description and cost in the box provided.

No Value