POLS 111 California Constitution and Government (1)
Basic aspects of California state government. Satisfies GE D1 for students who have passed both AP US Government and US History exams, or transfer students who have received advice in writing from the Office of Academic Records to take POLS 111. 1 lecture.

POLS 112 American and California Government (4)  GE D1
Study of governmental institutions, politics, issues and political behavior in the United States and California in constitutional, historical, social and cultural perspectives. Meets the U.S. government and California state/local government requirement. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE D1.

POLS 180 Political Inquiry (4)
Introduction to the scope, language, concepts and approaches employed in political science and the social sciences. Includes emphasis on basic methodological and research strategies for assessing political issues, events, the dynamics of political change and philosophy of science. 4 lectures.

POLS 225 Introduction to International Relations (4)
Introduction to the basic concepts, issues, and theories surrounding the study of international politics. Changes in the nature of conflict, power, and national interests in the post-Cold War era. Role of states, non-governmental actors, and international organizations in the global arena. 4 lectures.

POLS 229 Introduction to Comparative Politics (4)
Introduction to basic concepts, issues, and theories in comparative politics. Use of the comparative method. Legitimacy, political culture and socialization, parliamentary and presidential institutions, judicial structures, electoral laws, party systems, federal and unitary governance, corporatism and pluralism. 4 lectures.

POLS 230 Basic Concepts of Political Thought (4)
Introduction to political theory. Focuses on concepts like: authority, liberty, equality, law, justice, community, rights, property, class conflict, and constitutionalism. Readings from major thinkers, such as Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Aquinas, Machiavelli, Locke, Hobbes, Rousseau, Marx, Nietzsche, Rawls, and others. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 112.

POLS 245 Judicial Process (4)
The nature of the legal system. Topics may include: private and public law, civil and criminal law, trial and appellate courts, criminal procedure, judges, attorneys, and juries. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 112, or consent of instructor. Formerly POLS 345.

POLS 270 Selected Topics (1–4)
Directed group study of selected topics. The Schedule of Classes will list title selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 1 to 4 lectures. Prerequisite: Open to undergraduate students and consent of instructor.

POLS 285 Model United Nations (4)
Introduction to the United Nations and major issues that confront it. Preparation for participation in collegiate Model United Nations conferences. Rules of procedure and debate, preparation of country position papers, and resolution writing. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: One course in POLS or consent of instructor.

POLS 295 Foundations of Mock Trial (4)
Introduction to evidence, trial procedure, objections, and witness examination. Preparation for intercollegiate mock trial competitions (held in winter and spring). Extensive hands-on experience in researching, preparing, and arguing a legal case. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area D1 and consent of instructor.

POLS 308 Political Violence and Conflict Resolution (4)
Causes, methods, and consequences of non-state groups that use violent means to pursue revolutionary, separatist, or ideological goals both domestically and internationally. Dynamics of ethnic conflict, terrorist movements, paramilitary groups, insurgencies, and narco-trafficking. Processes of conflict resolution in divided societies through military responses, negotiated settlements, democracy, and peacekeeping missions. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 229, or consent of instructor.

POLS 310 Politics of Ethnicity and Gender (4)  USCP
Analysis of factors that affect the changing role of women and major ethnic groups in American politics. Involvement, organization and role of minority groups in the political process. Examination of the social construction of difference, exploring how gender, race, and class are shaped by social, cultural, and political contexts. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 112, or consent of instructor. Fulfills USCP. Change effective Winter 2010.

POLS 315 The American Presidency (4)
Nature and problems of contemporary presidential leadership emphasizing the impact of bureaucracy, Congress, public opinion, the courts, interest groups, and the party system upon the presidency and national policy making. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 112, or consent of instructor.

POLS 316 Political Participation (4)
Role of political participation as manifested through political parties and interest groups in a democracy. Degree of consensus and conflict in present day political participation including influence on public policies. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 112, or consent of instructor.

POLS 317 Campaigns and Elections (4)
Origins and dimensions of public opinion. Focus on contemporary political campaigns and elections in the U.S. Impact of political ideology, mass media, high technology, pressure groups on electoral outcomes. Voting behavior and other forms of political participation in the U.S. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 112, or consent of instructor.

POLS 320 Comparative Political Analysis (4)
Survey of theories and methods in the field of comparative politics. Recognition of how history structures current politics. Application of abstract principles to contemporary or historical problems to illustrate the practical uses of comparative analysis. Evaluation of assorted issues to compare culturalist, institutionalist, and rationalist approaches. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 229, or consent of instructor.

POLS 321 Comparative Political Culture (4)
Survey of major political cultures such as contemporary democratic, civic and political cultures in Confucianism and Islam. The mutual influence between culture, politics, and society. The role of political culture in the industrialization process, and the post-colonial and post-communist contexts. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 229.

POLS 322 International Political Activism (4)
Mobilization, organization, and implementation of domestic and transnational social movements in Europe, South America, Asia, and Africa. Concepts, theories, and underlying themes of collective activism in international politics, as well as its outcome, and political and historical significance. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 229.

POLS 324 International Relations Theory (4)
Survey of theoretical approaches to the study of international political processes and problems. Foreign policies and politics in relations between states. Conflicts and adjustments. Analyses of selected problems to elucidate differences between realist, liberal, socialist, constructivist, and other theories. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 225, or consent of instructor.

POLS 325 Global Political Issues (4)  GE D5
Concepts and theories in international relations and contemporary global issues. Application of principles of international relations to political issues and subjects which affect our lives. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A, and one course from two of the three subfields of Area D1, Area D2, and/or Area D3, or consent of instructor. Fulfills GE D5 except for Political Science majors.

POLS 328 Politics of Developing Areas (4)
A detailed survey of the domestic politics of developing countries from a comparative perspective. Assessment of theories of development with appropriate examples taken from particular areas and countries. Repeatable to 8 units with different subtitles (e.g., “Latin America,” “East Asia,” “Africa”). The Schedule of Classes will list topic selected. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 225 or POLS 229.
POLS 329 Ancient and Medieval Political Thought (4)
Political theory from ancient Greece, ancient Rome, and the Medieval period. Readings from major authors, such as Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Aquinas, and others. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 230 or consent of instructor.

POLS 330 Modern Political Thought (4)
Theories of political participation and the relationship between the individual and the state as developed in the works of influential thinkers such as Locke, Rousseau, Mill and Marx. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 230, or consent of instructor.

POLS 331 Contemporary Political Thought (4)
Ideas of major contemporary political thinkers, such as Wolff, Singer, Rawls, Strauss, MacKinnon, Beauvoir, Dewey, Walzer and others in historical context, compared and contrasted. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 230 or consent of instructor.

POLS 332 World Food Systems (4) GE Area F
Integrated, interdisciplinary study of the technologies of global food production, environmental and social issues related to the application of those technologies, and moral and ethical issues associated with global food production and distribution. Emphasis on the politics of change. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: Junior standing and completion of GE Area B, or consent of instructor. Crosslisted as POLS/UNIV 333. Fulfills GE Area F.

POLS 334 Jurisprudence (4)
Normative and analytical problems concerning law. Nature of law and legal systems including liberty and justice. Topics may include the connection between law and morality, feminist and critical race perspectives, crime and punishment, and economic analysis of the law. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 112 and POLS 230, or consent of instructor.

POLS 336 Early American Political Thought (4)
The central political ideas of America’s leading thinkers from the arrival of the Mayflower to the Civil War. Selections may include readings of American political ideas from Winthrop, Paine, Paine, Hamilton, de Tocqueville, Douglas, Calhoun, Thoreau, and Lincoln, among others. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 112, POLS 230, or consent of instructor. Change effective Spring 2010; see POLS 348.

POLS 337 Contemporary American Political Thought (4)
The central political ideas of America’s leading thinkers from the Civil War to the present. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 112, POLS 230, or consent of instructor. Change effective Spring 2010; see POLS 349.

POLS 338 Critical Issues in American Politics (4) GE D5
Examination of significant social, legal, economic and political issues that face the country and how the basic institutions of government–national, state, local–are responding to them; assessment of policies to correct these problems. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A, one course from Area D1, and one course from either Area D2 or D3, or consent of instructor. Fulfills GE D5 except for Political Science majors.

POLS 339 Comparative Political Regimes (4) GE D5
A comparative examination of governing institutions used throughout the world. Emphasis on the diversity of governmental designs found within both authoritarian and democratic regimes. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A and one course from two of the three subfields of Area D1, D2, and/or D3, or consent of instructor. Fulfills GE D5 except for Political Science majors.

POLS 341 American Constitutional Law (4)
United States Supreme Court decisions in the areas of separation of powers, judicial review, commerce clause, federalism, due process. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 112, or consent of instructor.

POLS 343 Civil Rights in America (4) USCP
Case-based examination of discrimination based on race, ethnic, gender, and sexual orientation in the United States. Emphasis on the Supreme Court’s interpretation of the Equal Protection Clause. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 112, or consent of instructor. Fulfills USCP.

POLS 344 Civil Liberties (4)
Role of Supreme Court as interpreter of civil liberties. Topics may include freedom of expression and religion, search and seizure, due process of law. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 112, or consent of instructor.

POLS 346 Politics in Literature (4)
Political concepts and values examined, based on literary sources. Recent topics include: power, justice, violence and social responsibility. Authors whose works have been examined include: Brecht, Camus, Dostoevsky, Miller, Vonnegut, and Dorfman. Both plays and novels are used. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 112 or consent of instructor.

POLS 347 Politics and Popular Culture (4)
Intersection of politics and mass media. How political actors use popular culture to establish issue agendas, convey political concepts, symbolism, rhetoric and values. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 112 or consent of instructor.

POLS 348 Early American Political Thought (4) GE D5
The central political ideas of America’s leading thinkers from the arrival of the Mayflower to the Civil War. Selections may include readings of American political ideas from Winthrop, Paine, Paine, Hamilton, de Tocqueville, Douglass, Calhoun, Thoreau, and Lincoln, among others. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area A, one course from Area D1, and one course from either Area D2 or D3, or consent of instructor. Fulfills GE D5 except for Political Science majors. Change effective Spring 2010.

POLS 349 Contemporary American Political Thought (4) GE D5
The central political ideas of America’s leading thinkers from the Civil War to the present. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area A, one course from Area D1, and one course from either Area D2 or D3, or consent of instructor. Fulfills GE D5 except for Political Science majors. Change effective Spring 2010.

POLS 351 Public Administration (4)
Development of the management functions in government. Survey of administrative concepts and cases. Attention given to national, state and local administrative systems. Case studies and simulations. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 112, or consent of instructor.

POLS 359 Research Design Political Analysis (4)
Methodology and research design used in political qualitative and quantitative analysis. Examination of multiple methods used to analyze political phenomena in the political science discipline. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 180, or consent of instructor. Change Summer 2009.

POLS 361 Quantitative Methodology (4)
Survey of quantitative methodology in political science, up to and including multiple regression. Laboratory computer instruction to facilitate understanding of quantitative approaches to political research. 3 seminars, 1 activity. Prerequisite: POLS 360, STAT 221 or consent of instructor.

POLS 375 California Politics (4)
Political culture, processes, behavior, institutions, public policy and distribution of power in California state and substate governments. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 112, or consent of instructor.

POLS 380 Religion and Politics in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict (4)
The root causes of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and its current manifestation. Possibilities for solutions from the perspectives of religious studies and political science. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 225 or POLS 229 or RELS 201. Crosslisted as POLS/RELS 380.

POLS 381 Peace and War (4)
Dynamics of interstate peace and war. Topics include: military strategy, the military-industrial complex, arms races and disarmament, diplomacy, deterrence and pre-emption, collective security and alliance behavior, civil-military relations, post-conflict reconstruction, and the role of international law and organizations. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 225 or consent of instructor.

POLS 382 Comparative Foreign Policy (4)
Systematic analysis of the international and domestic pressures leading different states to take particular foreign policy stances, with appropriate examples taken from different regions of the world. Discussion of contemporary foreign policy issues and responses. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 225 or consent of instructor.

POLS 383 Politics of the European Union (4)
History and development of the European Union in the context of theories of regional integration. Overview of institutional and policymaking machinery of the EU. Current issues facing member states. Impact of EU on US interests and world politics more generally. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 225 or consent of instructor.
POLS 385 Advanced Model United Nations (2) (CR/NC)
Preparation for participation in collegiate Model United Nations conferences.
Rules of procedure and debate, preparation of country position papers, and
resolution writing. Discussion of current issues of concern to the United
Nations. Credit/No Credit grading only. Total credit limited to 6 units.
2 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 385 or consent of instructor.

POLS 386 Government Internship (2–12) (CR/NC)
Supervised work experience in a government or related public agency. Intern
will function as an employee subject to all the duties and responsibilities of
employees engaged in comparable work. 30 hours of work experience per unit of
credit. Total credit limited to 12 units. Credit/No Credit grading.
Recommended preparation: Junior standing with a minimum 2.5 GPA.

POLS 395 Advanced Mock Trial (2) (CR/NC)
Advanced preparation for participation in intercollegiate mock trial
competitions. Emphasis on advanced topics and techniques related to evidence,
trial procedure, objections, and witness examination. Extensive hands-on
practice in arguing a legal case. Credit/No Credit grading only. Total credit
limited to 4 units. 2 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 295 or consent of instructor.

POLS 400 Special Problems for Advanced Undergraduates (1–4)
Individual investigation, research, study, or survey of selected problems. Total
credit limited to 4 units. Prerequisite: Consent of department chair.

POLS 419 Social Movements and Political Protest (4)
Selected U.S. social movements, including abolitionism, feminism, civil rights,
gay rights, the Christian right, and environmentalism. Political opportunities
and constraints that impact collective political action, and effects of grassroots
struggles for justice in U.S. politics and society. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS
112 and junior standing. or consent of instructor.

POLS 420 Contemporary U.S. Foreign Policy (4)
Formulation and conduct of U.S. foreign policy. Analysis of the theory and
elements of U.S. strategy; diplomacy, propaganda, economic operations,
psychological warfare, and military strategies. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS
225, or consent of instructor.

POLS 426 International Organizations and Law (4)
Transnational politics and strategies supporting and opposing different
dimensions of globalization. Topics include international law and the use of
force, challenges to the primacy of the nation-state, and movement toward a
global culture as expressed in the development of human rights law. 4 lectures.
Prerequisite: POLS 225 or POLS 324, or consent of instructor.

POLS 427 Politics of the Global Economy (4)
Political conflicts surrounding the trading, financial, and security structures of
the international economy. Motivations, resources, and responses of states,
international organizations, multinational corporations and other nonstate actors
as they address economic, political, environmental, and security issues within
these structures. Desirability and inevitability of globalization. 3 lectures and a
research paper. Prerequisite: POLS 225, completion of GE D2, or consent of
instructor.

POLS 428 Issues and Topics in Comparative Politics (4)
Selected topics and issues in the field of comparative politics. The Schedule of
Classes will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 4 lectures.
Prerequisite: POLS 229 or consent of instructor.

POLS 429 Issues and Topics in International Relations (4)
Selected topics and issues in the field of international relations. The Schedule of
Classes will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 4 lectures.
Prerequisite: POLS 225 or consent of instructor.

POLS 430 Advanced Topics in Political Theory (4)
In-depth examination of a theme or thinker in political theory. The Schedule of
Classes will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 4 lectures.
Prerequisite: POLS 230 or consent of instructor.

POLS 451 Technology and Public Policy (4)
Techniques for performing technical assessment and impact analysis in
communication, transportation, health technologies, aerospace, electronics and
other new technologies. Case studies on contemporary problems stemming
from the relationship of technology and politics. 3 lectures and a research paper.
Prerequisite: POLS 112, or consent of instructor.

POLS 456 Politics and Economic Policy (4)
Goals of economic policy, based on efficiency, equity, and other values.
Theories of market failure and government regulation. Influence of electoral
calculations, bureaucracy, and interest group pressures on government
approaches to address market failures. Government intervention in the
marketplace, and intervention by economic interests into politics, and how this
challenges democracy 3 lectures and a research paper. Prerequisite: POLS 112,
completion of GE D2; or consent of instructor.

POLS 459 The Politics of Poverty (4)
Analysis of the politics and policies associated with the American welfare state,
focusing particularly on welfare and homelessness policies. Questions
addressed concerning the causes of poverty and how social policy responds to
poverty. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 112 and junior standing, or consent of
instructor.

POLS 461, 462 Senior Project I, II (2) (2)
Selection and completion of a project under faculty supervision. Project results
presented in a formal paper. Prerequisite: Senior standing (completion of 135
quarter hours), completion of required core courses and concentration. May not
be taken CR/NC.

POLS 470 Selected Advanced Topics (1–4)
Directed courses on timely issues and topics for advanced students. Open to
undergraduate and graduate students. The Schedule of Classes will list title
selected. Total credit limited to 12 units. 1–4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 112,
junior standing, or consent of instructor.

POLS 471 Urban Politics (4)
Theoretical approaches, concepts, and politics associated with urban
governments. Urban power structures, the relationship between urban society
and politics, and inter-governmental relations. 3 lectures and a research paper.
Prerequisite: POLS 112, or consent of instructor.

POLS 481 Senior Project Seminar (4)
Selection, preparation and completion of senior project, focusing on current
developments in the field of political science, with primary attention to
American politics, public policy, international relations, or public
administration. Project results presented in a formal paper. 3 seminars and a
research paper. Prerequisite: Senior standing (completion of 135 quarter hours),
completion of required core courses and concentration.

POLS 500 Independent Study (1–4)
Individual research, studies, or surveys under the supervision of the faculty.
Total credit limited to 4 units. Prerequisite: Graduate standing with minimum of
12 core units.

POLS 510 Research Design (4)
Policy research problem definition, framing hypotheses, literature review,
sampling, measurement, and approaches to analysis. 4 lectures. Prerequisite:
Graduate standing or consent of instructor.

POLS 515 Public Policy (4)
Public policy making and contemporary policy issues, including markets;
regulation; criminal justice; housing; environment; poverty; health care and
education. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: Graduate standing, or consent of instructor.

POLS 516 Public Finance (4)
Economic and political factors affecting federal, state and local governments.
Intergovernmental relations and policy considerations in finance, debt
management and tax administration. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 515, or
consent of instructor.

POLS 517 Organizational Theory (4)
Major theoretical approaches, concepts, case studies, and debates related to
organizational theory. Emphasis on applications of concepts to public and non-
profit organizations. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: POLS 515, or consent of instructor.

POLS 518 Public Policy Analysis (5)
Analysis of the social, economic, environmental, political contexts of public
policy decisions. Public policy issues and use of concepts and tools related to
monitoring and assessment with particular emphasis on qualitative methods.
4 lectures, 1 activity. Prerequisite: POLS 560 or consent of instructor. Change
effective Fall 2010.
POLS 550  Regulatory and Economic Policy (4)
Theory, politics, and applications of government regulatory and economic policy, and skills and experience necessary to use this knowledge in applied policy making situations. 4 seminars. Prerequisite: POLS 510.

POLS 560  Quantitative Methods (5)
Social science methodology focusing on research design and quantitative methods used in policy and political research: multi-regression, non-linear techniques, diagnostics and time series. Advanced computer packages used to analyze challenging data sets. 4 lectures, 1 activity. Prerequisite: POLS 510, or consent of instructor.

POLS 568  Topics and Issues in Public Policy (4)
Selected advanced topics applicable to public policy problems. The Schedule of Classes will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 3 seminars and a research project. Prerequisite: POLS 510 or consent of instructor.

POLS 570  Selected Advanced Topics (1-4)
Directed group study of selected topics for graduate students. Open to undergraduate and graduate students. The Schedule of Classes will list title selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 1-4 lectures. Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.

POLS 586  Policy Internship (4–8) (CR/NC)
Supervised work experience in a government or related public agency. Intern will function as an employee engaged in comparable work. Credit/No Credit grading only. Total credit limited to 8 units. Prerequisite: Completion of 12 units of core courses in the Master of Public Policy Program.

POLS 590  Graduate Seminar (4)
Seminar designed as a culminating component to the Master of Public Policy Program. Individual research under the supervision of the faculty within a small discussion environment, leading to a graduate project or paper that demonstrates practical mastery of the MPP curriculum. Total credit limited to 8 units. 4 seminars. Prerequisite: POLS 560 and consent of academic program coordinator.

POLS 595  Directed Readings for MPP Comprehensive Exams (2)
Directed readings for Master of Public Policy (MPP) comprehensive exams. Regular consultation between advisor and student. The Schedule of Classes will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 4 units. 2 seminars. Prerequisite: POLS 590.