

Political Science

Humanities & Social Science

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CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY

Global Studies: Europe
Global Studies: Latin America

Program Description

The study of political science involves not only the examination of the structure of government and political systems but the examination of the interaction of individuals and institutions within those systems. These courses offer valuable insight into events on the local, state, national and international levels and they also encourage involvement of the citizenry.

Career Opportunities

Administrator	Attorney
Budget Analyst	Businessperson
Campaign Aide/Elected	Official
City Planner	Foreign Service Officer
Government Worker	Legislative Aide/Lobbyist
Military Officer	Occupational Analyst
Personnel Manager	Political Economist
Political Scientist	Public Information Officer
Public Relations Specialist	Public Opinion Surveyor
Researcher/Research Analyst	

Some Career Opportunities may require more than two years of college study. Classes beyond the associate degree may be required to fulfill some Career Opportunities or for preparation for transfer to a university program.

Highlights

- Courses in both American and foreign political structures
- Widely traveled and internationally astute instructional staff
- Insightful analysis of international events
- Suggestions/contacts for student involvement in the political process

NOTE:

Transferable courses may or may not satisfy lower division major preparation, general education, and/or elective requirements. Please meet with a counselor for specific transfer course evaluation.

For information about the student learning outcomes for this program, see <http://www.crc.losrios.edu/pslo>

Pre-Law Education

Pre-law, contrary to common belief, is not a major but rather a term that describes a student interested in applying for admission to a law school.

Because overall GPA is important in applying for admission to a law school, a pre-law student should consider a major which he/she enjoys and can do well. It is advisable to consider the major as an alternative to law school or one which can be used in conjunction with the law degree. Law schools are looking for individuals who have a high level of writing competence; good analytical skills; intellectual discipline; breadth in humanities, sciences and social sciences; and a general understanding of the business world. Most law schools require a baccalaureate degree. The Law School Admission Test (LSAT) is required. A pre-law student needs to plan a course of study in cooperation with a counselor in the Counseling Center.

CRC's Global Studies Program is designed to provide entrance into an intellectually stimulating field of study or an exciting global career.

Global Studies Programs study a specific region of the world by focusing on its politics, history, geography, culture and language as it relates to the rest of the world. Accordingly, the Program will incorporate courses and faculty from social sciences, language arts and creative arts. The courses offered as part of the Global Studies program meet CSU GE requirements as well as IGETC requirements in "Political Science," and CRC GE requirements in other "Social and Behavioral Sciences" and "Arts and Humanities."

The increasing interaction of peoples, economies, cultures, markets and public policies supports the need for a Global Studies Program.

Career opportunities may be found in Government (Departments of State, Defense, Homeland Security, etc.); attorney (immigration, international law, etc.); MNC's; NGO's (non-profits, environmental, etc.) and academia (graduate work; teaching, etc.)

CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY

Global Studies: Europe
CODE #1637

REQUIRED PROGRAM.....	Units
POLS 314 Modern Europe and the Unification Process	3
HIST 301 History of Western Civilization (to 1660) (3)	
or HIST 302 History of Western Civilization (3)	3
HUM 310 Modern Humanities (3)	
or PHIL 331 History of Modern Philosophy (3)	3
SPAN 401 Elementary Spanish	4
GEOG 320 World Regional Geography	3
TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED	16

CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY

Global Studies: Latin America
CODE #1638

REQUIRED PROGRAM.....	Units
POLS 313 Latin America	3
GEOG 320 World Regional Geography	3
HIST 373 History of Mexico	3
HUM 331 Latin American Humanities (3)	
or SPAN 427 Introduction to Spanish American Literature (3)....	3
SPAN 401 Elementary Spanish	4
TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED	16

POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

POLS 301

Introduction to Government: United States 3 Units

Prerequisite: None

Advisory: Completion of ENGWR 101 or eligibility for ENGWR 300
General Education: AA/AS Area V(a); CSU Area D8; IGETC Area 4H
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

An introduction to Political Science, American government and politics. Structured to promote political and analytical understanding and thinking regarding American politics and government. Areas of concentration include principles, institutions, problems, processes, theory, philosophy, and ideology. Satisfies the State requirement regarding the Constitution, American Institutions, and State and Local Government.

POLS 302

Introduction to Government: Foreign 3 Units

Prerequisite: None

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D8; IGETC Area 4H
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This is a comparative study and analysis of political systems, ideologies, institutions, policies, cultures, histories, and the development of selected foreign governments. Special emphasis is placed on the cultural and social dimensions of political behavior and attitudes in connection with governmental and political practices typical of particular geographical regions. Coverage includes an examination of selected developed and lesser developed nation-states from a global perspective.

POLS 310

Introduction to International Relations 3 Units

Prerequisite: None

Advisory: Completion of ENGWR 101 or eligibility for ENGWR 300
General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D8; IGETC Area 4H
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This is an introduction to international relations and a survey of the nation-state system, techniques of interaction, the issue of war, nationalism, power alignments, international actors, transnational movements, diplomacy, political economy, and perceptions in world politics. Particular emphasis is placed on an analysis of the world outlook of Central and Eastern Europe, Russia, the United States, the major Western Allies, China, and the Lesser Developed World.

POLS 312

Politics of the Middle East 3 Units

Prerequisite: None

Advisory: ENGWR 101

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D8; IGETC Area 4H

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

Area Studies courses cover the government and politics of selected nations within a distinct geopolitical area of the world in order to gain understanding of the institutions and dynamics of the area. This Area Studies survey course is designed to give students an understanding of the Middle East. It covers the region in biblical times, its history as part of the Ottoman Empire, its independence and inclusion in the Mandate system and its modern day existence through the twentieth century. The impact of religion, colonialism, the natural resource situation, socio-economics, ideology, conflict and resolution and foreign and domestic policies will be examined in the region on a country-by-country basis. The Palestinian Question, from both the Israeli and Palestinian perspectives will also be analyzed. The course includes an examination of dominant political institutions, actors, processes and belief systems within the context of political culture and history and an analysis of area political economy and foreign policy in the environment of global interdependence. Countries to be covered include Saudi Arabia, Iran, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon. The course concludes with a summation of the region as it stands today and an assessment of where it is likely to go in the near future.

POLS 313

Latin America 3 Units

Prerequisite: None

Advisory: ENGWR 101

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D8; IGETC Area 4H

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

Area Studies courses cover the government and politics of selected nations within a distinct geopolitical area of the world in order to gain understanding of the institutions and dynamics of the area. This Area Studies survey course is designed to give students an understanding of Latin America. It covers the region in the pre-Columbian era, its history as part of the Spanish Empire, the independence movements of the nineteenth century and the modern day existence of each nation state in the area to the twenty-first century. The impact of religion, colonialism, the natural resource situation, socio-economics, ideology, conflict and resolution and foreign and domestic policies will be examined in the region on a country-by-country basis. The course includes an examination of dominant political institutions, actors, processes and belief systems within the context of political culture and history and an analysis of area political economy and foreign policy in the environment of global interdependence. Countries to be covered include but are not limited to Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Peru, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Cuba, Haiti, Jamaica and the Dominican Republic. The course concludes with a summation of the region as it stands today and an assessment of where it is likely to go in the near future.

POLS 314
Modern Europe and the Unification Process **3 Units**

Prerequisite: None

Advisory: ENGWR 101

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D8; IGETC Area 4H

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

Area Studies courses cover the government and politics of selected nations within a distinct geopolitical area of the world in order to gain understanding of the institutions and dynamics of the area. This Area Studies survey course is designed to give students an understanding of modern Europe and the trends, processes and issues surrounding unification.

POLS 315
Pacific Rim **3 Units**

Prerequisite: None

Advisory: ENGWR 101

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D8

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

Area Studies courses cover the government and politics of selected nations within a distinct geopolitical area of the world in order to gain understanding of the institutions and dynamics of the area. This Area Studies survey course is designed to give students an understanding of the Pacific Rim and its trends, processes and issues.

POLS 317
Global Studies: Africa **3 Units**

Prerequisite: None

Advisory: ENGWR 101

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b)

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

Global Studies courses cover the government and politics of selected nations within a distinct geopolitical area of the world in order to gain understanding of the institutions and dynamics of the area. This Global Studies survey course is designed to give students an understanding of Africa. It covers the region's history, its independence movements and the modern day existence of nation states in the area to the twenty-first century. The impact of history, colonialism, the natural resource situation, socio-economics, ideology, conflict and resolution and foreign and domestic policies will be examined in the region on a country-by-country basis. The course includes an examination of dominant political institutions, actors, processes and belief systems within the context of political culture and history and an analysis of area political economy and foreign policy in the environment of global interdependence. The course concludes with a summation of the region as it stands today and an assessment of where it is likely to go in the near future.

POLS 495
Independent Studies in Political Science **1-3 Units**

Prerequisite: None

Course Transferable to CSU

See UC Limitations & Counselor

Hours: 18 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB

POLS 499
Experimental Offering in Political Science **.5-4 Units**

Prerequisite: None

Course Transferable to CSU

See UC Limitations & Counselor

Hours: 18 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB