

Units: 3
Course Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
GE Area: D2

PLSI 71. Introduction to Environmental Politics

Introduction to study of environmental politics and policy making in the United States; a brief history of environmentalism; basic principles in environmental policy making, including policy making for interest groups, legislatures, and levels of government; and selection of current topics in environmental issues. G.E. Breadth D3.

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PLSI 90. Methods of Analysis of Quantitative Political Data

An introduction to hypothesis testing in political science, with applications to the analysis of quantitative political data; the formulation of research problems and hypotheses; accuracy and precision in measurements; problems of evidence and inference; basic techniques of statistical analysis.

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PLSI 102. California Government and Institutions

Not open to students with credit in PLSI 2. Open only to students who have satisfied United States Constitution requirement but have not satisfied California state and local government requirement. Examination of legislative, executive, judicial, and local government problems in California. Not available for CR/NC grading.

Units: 1
Course Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

PLSI 103. California Politics

Satisfies California state and local government requirement, if not used for political science major. Emphasis on the historical development of politics in California and the factors and institutions important to contemporary politics: characteristics of the electorate, voter registration, primaries and general elections, candidates and campaigning, party organizations and leaders, interest groups, and current issues.

Units: 3

PLSI 107. Women in US Politics

(WS 107 same as PLSI 107). Prerequisites: at least one 3 unit WS or PLSI course. The course examines how women have shaped and been shaped by U.S. politics along with how gender impacts U.S. political thought, institutions, and practices.

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PLSI 110. Seminar in History of Political Thought to Machiavelli

Development of political thought from Plato to Machiavelli: law, justice, the state, authority, forms of government, and church-state relations in light of the philosophy of history.

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PLSI 111. Seminar in History of Political Thought Since Machiavelli

Freedom and individual rights, democracy, majority rule, equality, law and authority, power, constitutionalism, property, social class and structure, and revolution traced through the writings of Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Hume, Burke, Bentham, Hegel, Tocqueville, and Mill.

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PLSI 114. Seminar in American Political Thought

Analysis of democracy, majority rule and minority rights, constitutionalism, federalism, representation, pluralism, property, separation of powers, and judicial review based on the perspectives of representative early and contemporary American thinkers.

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Course Typically Offered: Spring

PLSI 119T. Topics in Political Theory

Possible topics include theories of democracy; the Marxian tradition; political thought of specific authors, historical periods and countries; peace and war; church-state relations; the nature of politics and of political science.

Units: 1-4

PLSI 119TZ. British Political Thinkers

Units: 3, Repeatable up to 8 units

PLSI 120. International Politics

Prerequisites: G.E. Foundation and Breadth Area D. Dynamics of political interactions of nations; nationalism, imperialism and interdependence; national power and diplomacy; types of conflict, including war; peaceful settlement of disputes; current issues involving competing foreign policies, national development, energy, and national liberation movements. G.E. Multicultural/International MI.

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GE Area: M/I

PLSI 120Z. International Politics

Prerequisites: G.E. Foundation and Breadth Area D. Dynamics of political interactions of nations; nationalism, imperialism and interdependence; national power and diplomacy; types of conflict, including war; peaceful settlement of disputes; current issues involving competing foreign policies, national development, energy, and national liberation movements. G.E. Multicultural/International MI.

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