

CATALOG INFORMATION

=====

Dept & Nbr: POL 104 Title: CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT

Full Title: California Government and Politics

Units	Course Hours	Per Week	Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours	Total
Max: 3.0	Lecture	3.0	17	Lecture	51.0
Min: 3.0	Lab	0.0		Lab	0.0
	Contact DHR	0.0		Contact DHR	0.0
	Contact Total	3.0		Contact Total	51.0
	Non-contact DHR	0.0		Non-contact DHR	0.0

Title 5 Category: 01 AA Degree Applic
Grading: GC Credit course for grade or CR/NC
Repeatability: 00 No repeatability allowed or defined
Also listed as:

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

This course will provide an overview and analysis of the role of state and local governments, with special emphasis directed to the history and development of these institutions; the state and local political systems; the political environment; party, interest groups, citizens and media inputs; and current problems and changing functions affecting local governments.

PREREQUISITES:

COREQUISITES:

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION:

ENG 80 or placement into ENG 200 through the assessment process

LIMITS ON ENROLLMENT:

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES INFORMATION:

Recommended: ENG 80 or placement into ENG 200 through the assessment process
This course will provide an overview and analysis of the role of state and local governments, with special emphasis directed to the history and development of these institutions; the state and local political systems; the political environment; party, interest groups, citizen and media inputs; and current problems and changing functions affecting local governments.
(Grade or CR/NC)
Transfer Credit: CSU; UC.

ARTICULATION and CERTIFICATE INFORMATION

=====

ASSOCIATE DEGREE: Effective: FALL 2008 Inactive:
Area: B2 SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

- C. An evaluation of interest groups and lobbyists
- V. The Media in California Politics
 - A. The history of the media in California
 - B. The changing media
 - C. An evaluation of media in California
- VI. The Executive Branch in California
 - A. The powers of the governor
 - B. The California bureaucracy
 - C. An evaluation of the executive branch in California
- VII. The Legislature in California
 - A. The Assembly
 - B. The Senate
 - C. Making legislation
 - D. An evaluation of the California legislature
- VIII. Judicial System in California
 - A. The local courts
 - B. The higher courts in California
 - C. The election of judges
 - D. An evaluation of the judicial system in California
- IX. Local Government in California
 - A. The duties and structure of local government
 - B. The funding of local government
 - C. The relationship between local and state government
 - D. An evaluation of local government
- X. Budgets and Tax Policy in California
 - A. Where California gets its money
 - B. Tax policy
 - C. An evaluation of the tax policy in California
 - D. The budget crisis
- XI. Education Policy in California
 - A. The quality of California education
 - B. Educational financing
 - C. California education in transition
- XII. Politics in the Golden State
 - A. The past and future
 - B. Challenges facing California people and government

ASSIGNMENTS:

READING ASSIGNMENTS

Textbook readings and articles from an annual edition reader. Newspaper or journal articles as assigned.

WRITING ASSIGNMENTS

Short essay homework, essay exams, 5-7 page research paper or book review

OUTSIDE ASSIGNMENTS

Preparing writing assignments, reading required selections and studying for exams

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION:

Lecture, discussion, debate, video tapes, Internet

METHODS OF EVALUATION:

- 1. Mid-term exam
- 2. Quizzes
- 3. Writing assignments
- 4. Journal Article Reviews

BASIS FOR GRADING:

The assignment of a grade is based on the level of achievement of the outcomes and objectives of the course outline and is reflected in quantifiable terms in the course syllabus.

REPRESENTATIVE TEXTBOOKS:

Huber, Walter. California State and Local Government in Crisis. Educational Textbook Company, 2006.

Field, Mona, California Government and Politics Today. Pearson Longman, 2007.

DeBow, Ken and John Syer. Power and Politics in California, Pearson Longman, 2006.

Lawrence, David G. California: The Politics of Diversity. Thomson-Wadsworth, 2007.

RATIONALE

=====

This is a typical introductory course that is a staple of most California community colleges. Although POL 200 technically includes discussion of state and local government and politics, in practice it focuses substantially on the federal government and national politics. This course will concentrate on state and local institutions and issues in the context of the federal system. In addition, there is a need to increase the number of POL courses offered to meet the Area D requirements for CSU or the Area 4 IGETC requirements. This course could augment those offerings. It might also be added to the list of courses that meet the major requirement for the A.A. in Social Science degree.

RESOURCES REQUIRED

=====

MISCELLANEOUS

=====

Advisory generate desc:	N	NO
Area department:	POL	POLITICAL SCIENCE
Audit flag:	N	NOT AUDITABLE
Basic skills:	X	NOT BASIC SKILLS
Classification:	A	Liberal Arts and Sciences
Cost level:	00	VALUE NOT FOUND
Disciplines:		POLITICAL SCIENCE
Division:	02	MERIDITH RANDALL
Faculty service areas:		POLITICAL SCIENCE
Fee:	\$0.00	
In-service:	X	NOT IN-SERVICE
Level below transfer:	X	NOT APPLICABLE
Matric-requiring:	X	Exempt from assessment
Maximum class size:	0	
Maximum wait list:	0	
Method of instruction:	02	LECTURE
Non-credit category:	X	NOT APPLICABLE, CREDIT COURSE
Open entry/exit:	N	Not open entry/exit
Pacs activity:	2207	POLITICAL SCIENCE
Pacs program project:	0000	
Preq/coreq generate desc:	N	NO
Preq/coreq provisional:	N	NO
Preq/coreq reg check:	N	NO PREREQUISITE RULES EXIST
Repeat group id:		
Requires instructor sig:	N	INSTRUCTOR'S SIGNATURE NOT REQUIRED
SAM classification:	E	Non-occupational
Selected/special topic:	N	NOT A SELECTED TOPIC COURSE
Special class:	X	NOT A SPECIAL COURSE
TOP code:	2207.00	POLITICAL SCIENCE
Workload:	0.0000	