

# Political Science (POL)

## **POL 1510 American Government ..... 3 Credit Hours**

**Prerequisite:** Completion of ENG 1350 or 1450. For English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) students, placement in ESL-2520.

This course focuses on the structure and functioning of American government; introductory analysis of the process of decision-making, the relationship of the state and the individual, and the degree and nature of popular control. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

**GE Outcomes:** Social Responsibility

## **POL 1990 Topics in Political Science: Constitutional Law ..... 3 Credit Hours**

**ESL Placement Level:** For English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) students, placement in ESL 2520.

Constitutional Law. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

## **POL 1991 Topics in Political Science: Sports in the Political Arena ..... 3 Credit Hours**

**ESL Placement Level:** For English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) students, placement in ESL 2520.

Sports in the Political Arena. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

## **POL 1992 Topics in Political Science: Politics of Africa ..... 3 Credit Hours**

**ESL Placement Level:** For English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) students, placement in ESL 2520.

Politics of Africa. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

## **POL 1993 Topics in Political Science: Presidential Politics ..... 3 Credit Hours**

**ESL Placement Level:** For English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) students, placement in ESL 2520.

This course will examine the role of the president and the executive branch of the United States government. The role of a unitary executive and the constitutional decisions made in establishing this position, as well as presidential power, leadership, presidents at war, presidents and policy, and presidential elections and campaigns will be covered. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

## **POL 2520 Urban and State Politics ..... 3 Credit Hours**

**ESL Placement Level:** For English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) students, placement in ESL 2520.

This course will focus on the problems of urban living within the structure of the American states. The role of political parties and the behavior of urban, suburban, and rural residents and the interests which they represent within the framework of the state and metropolitan government will be examined. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

**GE Outcomes:** Social Responsibility

## **POL 2530 International Relations ..... 3 Credit Hours**

**ESL Placement Level:** For English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) students, placement in ESL 2520.

This course is designed to encourage students to understand the global environment in a political context and to think critically about how political, economic and technological changes affect it. Students will be introduced to the basic principles of national development, international law and international organizations. They will also study the influences which shape the foreign policy of modern states and the impact of policy decisions on the contemporary world. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

**GE Outcomes:** Global Understanding and Responsibility

## **POL 2610 Comparative World Politics ..... 3 Credit Hours**

**ESL Placement Level:** For English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL)

students, placement in ESL 2520.

This course will introduce criteria for the comparison of social systems. It will demonstrate political patterns, ideologies and structures in selected systems. There will be an effort to promote the appreciation of the great diversity in political approaches and political culture, as well as the great commonality of political striving throughout the world. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

**GE Outcomes:** Global Understanding and Responsibility

## **POL 2990 Topics in Political Science: Globalization and the Environment ..... 3 Credit Hours**

**ESL Placement Level:** For English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) students, placement in ESL 2520.

Globalization and the Environment. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

## **POL 2991 Topics in Political Science Introduction to Public Policy ..... 3 Credit Hours**

**ESL Placement Level:** For English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) students, placement in ESL 2520.

Introduction to Public Policy BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

## **POL 2992 Topics in Political Science ..... 1-4 Credit Hours**

**ESL Placement Level:** For English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) students, placement in ESL 2520.

This course will deal with specific topics of interest in political science to the public. The topics will vary from semester to semester. Refer to the specific section using OCC's online system for current topics. In studying each topic the student will become cognizant of the key political concepts underlying the topic. Emphasis will be directed to understanding the historic, current, and future political issues and their impact on our society, the relationship between fact and generalization, the relative input of individuals and institutions in events, and the ability to understand all sides of the political issues at hand. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 1 - 4