# POLS (Political Science)

**POLS 1000 - Introduction to Government and Politics**  
(3 Credits)  
An introduction to the field of political science, covering each area of the discipline, including comparative government and political systems, political economy, political ideology, international and global politics and methods of political analysis. Recommended as a first course for those pursuing further study in political science. Also recommended as a single course for those not taking other political science courses. Lecture: 3 hours

**POLS 1010 - American National Government**  
(3 Credits)  
This course is a study of the American political system at the national level. It covers the structure of the U.S. government and its powers and limitations. It also covers policymaking, the governing and electoral processes, the roles of the people, the media, special interests and political parties. Areas of national concern such as economic and foreign policy and national security also are covered. Lecture: 3 hours

**POLS 1030 - State and Local Government**  
(3 Credits)  
This course is a study of politics and government at the state and local level, including governmental structures, powers and limitations and governing and electoral processes. Areas of state and local concern such as urban and regional planning, most of the legal system and everyday matters ranging from public works to education are covered. Lecture: 3 hours

**POLS 2010 - International Relations**  
(3 Credits)  
This course studies international and global politics. It includes study of diplomatic history, theoretical approaches, global political economy, international law and organization issues of war, peace and political stability. (Recommended: POLS 1000 or 1010 or HIST 1020 prior to taking this course) Lecture: 3 hours

**POLS 2040 - American Political Parties**  
(3 Credits)  
This course studies political parties, politics and elections in the United States. It covers the political history of elections, voting patterns and party alignments, as well as the roles of special interests and the media in the electoral process. (Recommended: POLS 1000 or 1010 or HIST 1210 or 1220 prior to taking this course) Lecture: 3 hours

**POLS 2045 - American Politics & Government: Critique & Analysis**  
(3 Credits)  
This course is a critical and analytical study of the various theories which interpret the American political system, their historical applications and relationship to current policy areas. (Prerequisite: POLS 1010) Lecture: 3 hours

**POLS 2110 - Modern Political Ideologies**  
(3 Credits)  
In this course, students study modern and contemporary political ideologies in terms of their development and applications. This course involves intensive reading and interpretation of original works. (Recommended: POLS 1000 or 1010 or HIST 1020 prior to this course) Lecture: 3 hours