

Adjunct Instructor of Political Science

One opening for Introduction to Political Science (POS 105) on the Craig campus.

Pay commiserate with educational background (\$1275-\$1575/course plus possible enrollment bonus)

[Adjunct pay scale and contract](#)

Instructor is required to be present 3 hours per week for instruction, with outside availability to students preferred.

Educational background in Psychology or related field required. Masters or Doctorate in Psychology or related field is highly desirable.

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Course Description (POS 105):

Focuses on a survey of the discipline of political science, including political philosophy and ideology, democratic and non-democratic governments, and processes, and international relations.

This course is one of the Statewide Guaranteed Transfer courses. GT-SS1

Course Competencies:

- I. Describe and evaluate the concepts of power, legitimacy and authority.
- II. Discuss the origins and developments of the nation-state.
- III. Distinguish between traditional and behavioral approaches to the study of politics.
- IV. Discuss general approaches to the study of politics such as political philosophy, political systems theory and political economy.
- V. Describe and discuss the political the political socialization process.
- VI. Examine the nature of political participation from a comparative perspective.
- VII. Discuss the nature of public opinion from a comparative perspective.
- VIII. Identify the different types of electoral systems and be able to assess the implications of those systems.
- IX. Identify the role and functions of political parties.
- X. Identify the different types of party systems from a comparative perspective.
- XI. Describe and evaluate the general principles of presidential and parliamentary political systems.
- XII. Describe and compare the essential features of at least three governments of Western Europe.
- XIII. Identify and evaluate the principles of authoritarian and totalitarian governments.
- XIV. Discuss the concepts of political development and problems facing developing nations.
- XV. Discuss and explain the origins and principles of democratic capitalism.

- XVI. Discuss and explain the origins and principles of democratic socialism.
- XVII. Discuss and explain the origins and principles of Marxist socialism.
- XVIII. Discuss and explain the origins and principles of national socialism and fascism.
- XIX. Discuss and explain the origins, development, and principles of third world ideologies.
- XX. Describe the origins, development, and principles of international law.
- XXI. Identify and assess the influence of major international organizations.
- XXII. Describe and analyze the causes of international conflict.
- XXIII. Analyze current critical issues in international relationships.
- XXIV. Read, analyze and apply written material to new situations.
- XXV. Write and speak clearly and logically in presentations and essays.
- XXVI. Demonstrate the ability to select and apply contemporary forms of technology to solve problems or compile information

Course Outline:

- I. Introduction to Political Science
 - A. Power, legitimacy and authority
 - B. The origins and development of the nation state
 - C. Traditional and behavioral approaches
 - D. Political philosophy
 - E. Political systems theory
 - F. Political economy
- II. The individual and government
 - A. Political socialization
 - B. Political participation
 - C. Public opinion
 - D. Elections and systems of representation
 - E. Single-member districts
 - F. Proportional representation
- III. Political Parties
 - A. Functions
 - B. Types of groups
- IV. Comparative Political Institutions
 - A. Presidential and parliamentary regimes
 - B. Principles of organization
 - C. Executive, legislative, judicial branches
- V. Authoritarian and totalitarian regimes
 - A. Characteristics of authoritarianism
 - B. Characteristics of totalitarianism
- VI. Developing nations
 - A. Theories of underdevelopment and development
 - B. Recent developments and future trends
- VII. Political Ideologies
 - A. Democratic capitalism

- 1. Origins
 - 2. Principles
 - B. Democratic socialism
 - 1. Origins
 - 2. Principles
 - C. Marxist socialism
 - 1. Origins
 - 2. Principles
 - D. National socialism and fascism
 - 1. Origins
 - 2. Principles
 - E. Third World Ideologies
 - 1. Origins
 - 2. Principles
- VIII. International Relations
 - A. Development of the international system
 - 1. Historical overview
 - 2. Theories
 - B. International Law
 - 1. Origins
 - 2. Principles
- IX. International Organizations
 - A. International intergovernmental organizations
 - B. International non-governmental organizations
- X. International conflict and causes of war
 - A. Historical overview
 - B. Theories
- XI. Analysis of current critical issues