## POL 101 Introduction to Political Science

**Course Description**
Introduces basic terminology, typologies, and development of Western political thought, as well as the contributions of various political and non-political groups to the structures and practices of the contemporary state.

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**Fall 2004**

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**Total Credit Hours:** 3

**Purpose of Course:**
- Degree Requirement
  - Degree Elective: X
- General Education: X
- Certification
- Developmental
- Community Education
- Other

**Prerequisite(s):** ENG 90s or Placement into Credit

**Signature:**  
- Curriculum Committee Chairperson  
- Dean of Academic Affairs  
- Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs

**Date:** 8/5/2015

**Last Date reviewed or revised:** May 2015
I. Introduction to Political Science

II. Course Outcomes

A. General Learning Outcomes

The student will:

1. Define basic concepts in the field of political science (GE 1) (LA 1)
2. Analyze major Western political theories (GE 1, 3, 6) (LA 1, 3, 5)
3. Identify the basic features of the state and the general machinery of government (GE 1, 2) (LA 1, 2)
4. Analyze the effects of the application of political theory (GE 1, 2, 3) (LA 1, 2, 3)

B. Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Explain basic concepts related to political science
2. Describe and differentiate among various major Western political theories
3. Describe basic features and machinery of the state and government
4. Compare and contrast the effects of the application of political theory and practice in various global and regional contexts

III. Course Content

This course introduces basic terminology, typologies and development of Western political thought.

1. Theories of political science
2. Political theory
   a. Monarchism
   b. Constitutionalism
   c. Republicanism
3. Legislative processes
   a. Bicameral and parliamentary systems
   b. Checks and balances
   c. Separation of powers
4. Political economy
   a. Marxism
   b. Neo-liberalism
5. Contemporary political development in theory and practice
   a. Rise of the military-industrial-congressional complex
   b. Exportation of democratic processes and structures
   c. Non-governmental organizations
   d. International funding and aid agencies
IV. Methods of Instruction
1. Lecture
2. Presentations
3. Guest speakers
4. Library
5. Internet
6. Discussion and debate

V. Equipment and Materials
1. Projector and computer
2. Internet access to academic databases
3. Library access

VI. Suggested Methods of Evaluation
1. Oral presentations
2. Student projects
3. Class participation
4. Written assignments
5. Exams

Letter grades will be assigned per CMI Grading System.