POLITICAL SCIENCE, ECONOMICS AND GLOBAL STUDIES

The Political Science and Economics Department is home to four different majors: Political Science, Economics, Global and International Studies, and Middle Eastern Studies. Political Scientists aim to develop an understanding of the institutions, practices, and societal relations that constitute public life. Economists study society and the distribution of resources, including how people make decisions, how they interact, and how the economy as a whole works. Global and International Studies scholars seek to understand the multidimensional process of globalization and today's many global issues. The field of Middle East Studies focuses on the history, politics, cultures, religions and languages of one of the most complex and critical regions of the world. Please see the individual program descriptions below for more details about each area of major/program.

Political Science: Program Description

The study of politics is the study of how people are governed and how they govern themselves. Political Scientists examine the distribution of political power and the allocation of scarce resources. To this end, they aim to develop an understanding of the institutions, practices, and societal relations that constitute public life. As a discipline, in the West, Political Science originated with the Greeks. Today Political Scientists' study of governments includes an in-depth study of the American political experience, but also extends to other countries, both democracies and non-democracies, and the effort to understand differences and similarities between them. Furthermore, Political Scientists seek to understand the dynamics of cooperation and conflict in the international arena, by studying the interactions of states, international organizations, and non-governmental actors.

The Political Science major helps prepare students for a variety of careers. For example, Political Science serves well as a pre-law major and for related professions, such as careers in government at the federal, state or local levels. Political Science is also a great preparation for a number of careers at the international level, such as international diplomacy or international business, as well as other professions in non-governmental sectors both nationally and internationally.

Political Science: AA and AA-T Degree Requirements

We offer a Political Science Associate Degree (AA), and Political Science Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T). Major requirements for transfer vary depending upon the college or university a student wishes to attend. Therefore, it is most important for a student to consult with his/her counselor and departmental adviser before planning an academic program for transfer. Information on majors and transfer requirements is available in the Counseling Center and Transfer Center.

Political Science: Planning a Program of Study


The Political Science Department also encourages students to seek out an internship, or participate in an Internship Program, as related to POLS 295 (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/search/?P=POLS%20295) and to POLS 108, which includes a field trip to Sacramento. More information about internship courses can be found below, in the section "Political Science (All Programs) and Economics: Internships."

Political Science: Preparation for Transfer

Course requirements for transfer vary depending upon the college or university a student wishes to attend. Therefore, it is most important for a student to consult with a counselor and departmental adviser before planning an academic program for transfer. Information on majors and transfer requirements is available in the Counseling Center and Transfer Center.

Political Science: Awards and Honors

Each year, the faculty selects one student as the "Outstanding Student of the Year in Political Science" on the basis of academic performance and contribution to our program. Students also have the opportunity to apply for a number of Political Science scholarships, such as the Holmes Scholarship, the Jason Davidson scholarship, the John Kay scholarship, and the Manoutchehr Eskandari-Qajar scholarship.

Economics: Program Description

The Economics Program offers courses as part of an Associate of Arts Degree in Economics as well as other majors. Economics is also a worthwhile way to satisfy General Education requirements. Courses offer transfer students excellent preparation for further study in economics and fields such as environmental studies, global studies, and business.

Students from all disciplines benefit from taking economics courses as it helps make sense of the world in which they live. As a social science, the subject matter studied is society. This includes the study of how people make decisions, how they interact, and how the economy as a whole works. Economics addresses much more than just money, taxes, and unemployment. With an economic lens, one can analyze things such as policies that affect crime rates, the role of incentives on the decision of whether or not to drive an electric car, and how rent control can affect divorce rates. In fact, economics helps one understand nearly every aspect of human life.

Economics provides a systematic way of analyzing a wide range of societal issues. The arsenal of analytical tools students acquire by studying economics provide a foundation for lifelong problem-solving skills that are valued by employers, society, and, very likely, eventually by the student themselves.

Economics: Degree Requirements

The department offers an Economics Associate Degree (AA), and an Economics Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T). Major requirements for transfer vary depending upon the college or university a student wishes to attend. Therefore, it is most important for a student to consult with his/her counselor and departmental advisor before planning an academic program for transfer.
program for transfer. Information on majors and transfer requirements is available in the Counseling Center and Transfer Center.

Economics: Planning a Program of Study
As a general rule, students should begin their Economics major by taking ECON 101 (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/search/?P=ECON%20101) Microeconomics and ECON 102 (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/search/?P=ECON%20102) Macroeconomics, in either order. Additional courses should be chosen after consultation with an academic counselor to meet degree and transfer goals, as the requirements for the AA Economics degree and the AA-T Economics degree differ, and as transfer institutions may also have specific requirements. ECON 101H and ECON 102H are offered as part of the Honors Program. The department encourages students to seek out internships and register for ECON 295 (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/search/?P=ECON%20295) Internship In Economics as part of the college experience. More information about internship courses can be found below, in the section "Political Science (All Programs) and Economics: Internships."

Economics: Preparation for Transfer
Course requirements for transfer vary depending upon the college or university a student wishes to attend. Therefore, it is most important for a student to consult with a counselor and departmental adviser before planning an academic program for transfer. Information on majors and transfer requirements is available in the Counseling Center and Transfer Center.

Economics: Awards and Honors
Each year, the faculty selects one student as the "Outstanding Student of the Year in Economics" on the basis of academic performance and contribution to our program.

Global and International Studies, and Global Leadership: Program Descriptions
The world seems to become "smaller" at an accelerated pace. Rise in global trade, rapid advances in technology, communication and international travel, a growing body of international law, and transnational environmental problems have been creating an increasingly connected world. This process has become known as "globalization."

The Global and International Studies major helps students develop an understanding of how globalization continues to evolve. It also aims to provide an academic background that prepares students to enter today’s many career fields, which require knowledge of global problems, connections, actors, and processes. Examples of possible career fields include: careers in diplomacy and/ or with an international organization, careers with many types of non-governmental organizations, careers in the economics/ business field, and in the fields of journalism, research, and teaching. Many other fields, such as engineering, and health, also benefit from a global perspective.

Global Studies is an interdisciplinary major that draws from a variety of academic disciplines. These disciplines include, but are not limited to: Political Science, History, Communication, Economics, Business, Sociology, and Environmental Studies. Combining these diverse disciplines into one interdisciplinary, colorful major - in order to understand the complex, rapidly unfolding process of globalization - is the objective of our program.

Global and International Studies, and Global Leadership: AA and AA-T Degree Requirements
We offer a Global and International Studies Associate Degree (AA), and a Global Studies Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T). Furthermore, in collaboration with the Department of Communication, we offer a Global Leadership Associate Degree (AA), and a Global Leadership Certificate. Major requirements for transfer vary depending upon the college or university a student wishes to attend. Therefore, it is most important for a student to consult with his/her counselor and departmental adviser before planning an academic program for transfer. Information on majors and transfer requirements is available in the Counseling Center and Transfer Center.

Global and International Studies, and Global Leadership: Planning a Program of Study
For the Global and International Studies Associate Degree (AA), and the Global Studies Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T), students should begin their study of Global Studies by taking GLST 101 (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/search/?P=GLST%20101) Introduction to Global Studies, and GLST 102 (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/search/?P=GLST%20102) Global Problems (in either order). Students should also enroll in POLS 121 (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/search/?P=POLS%20121) International Politics or POLS 121H (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/search/?P=POLS%20121H) International Politics, Honors, and/or POLS 131 (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/search/?P=POLS%20131) Comparative Politics. Additional elective courses from various disciplines should be chosen after consultation with an academic counselor to meet degree and transfer goals. The course in international governance, POLS 122 (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/search/?P=POLS%20122) International Organizations: Global and Regional Governance is a good choice, but there are many courses from which to choose.

For the Global Leadership Associate Degree (AA), and the Global Leadership Certificate, students should enroll in GLST 101 (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/search/?P=GLST%20101) Introduction to Global Studies and in GLST 102 (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/search/?P=GLST%20102) Global Problems (in either order), as well as choose two Communication courses from the following: COMM 121 (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/search/?P=COMM%20121) Interpersonal Communication, COMM 121H (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/search/?P=COMM%20121H) Interpersonal Communication, Honors, COMM 122 (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/search/?P=COMM%20122) Mediated Interpersonal Communication, COMM 142 (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/search/?P=COMM%20142) Leadership in a Global Society, or COMM 151 (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/search/?P=COMM%20151) Intercultural Communication. Additional elective courses from various disciplines should be chosen after consultation with an academic counselor to meet degree and transfer goals.

Global and International Studies, and Global Leadership: Preparation for Transfer
A number of colleges and universities have transfer programs in Global and International Studies and/or International Studies, or International Relations. Course requirements for transfer vary depending upon the college or university a student wishes to attend. Therefore, it is most important for a student to consult with a counselor and departmental adviser before planning an academic program for transfer. Information sheets for majors, outlining transfer requirements, are available in the Counseling and Transfer Centers.

Global and International Studies: Honors and Awards
Each year, the faculty selects one outstanding student as the "Global and International Studies Student of the Year" on the basis of academic performance and contribution to our program. In addition, each Spring Semester, the Global Studies Program awards the "Peter O. Haslund Global Studies Scholarship", a scholarship made possible by a generous donation by Mrs. Margareta Jannner in honor of the founder of the Global Studies Program at SBCC, Dr. Peter Haslund is given on the basis of both
academic promise and financial need. This scholarship is administered by the SBCC Foundation. Please contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.

**Middle East Studies: Program Description**

The Middle East Studies Program/major involves the study of the history, politics, cultures, religions and languages of one of the most complex and critical regions of the world. The Middle East Studies major seeks to understand the question of democratization, political violence, the role of religion, ideology, and the role of tradition and history in shaping the physical and psychological make-up of the region. While the program is of special interest to students who plan careers in government service or business, majoring in Middle East Studies meshes with and complements well other areas of study, such as International Relations, Global Studies, Political Science, History and International Business, to name a few.

Career choices include State Department area specialist, Department of Defense area specialist, Homeland Security area specialist, diplomatic service (national and international), policy adviser, policy analyst, federal, state and local government service and teaching. This major with a B.A. Degree can lead to advanced degree programs in Middle East Studies, International Relations, Comparative Politics and Global Studies.

**Middle East Studies: AA Degree Requirements**

We offer a Middle East Studies Associate Degree (AA). This degree can be obtained by satisfying the department requirements in Middle East Studies and the General Education and institutional requirements for the Associate in Arts Degree.

**Middle East Studies: Planning a Program of Study**

As a general rule, students should begin their Middle East Studies Program by taking one of the three core courses required for the major, either ARBC 101 (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/search/?P=ARBC%20101) Survey Of Islamic Art And Architecture, HIST 137 (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/search/?P=HIST%20137) History Of Religions Of The Middle East or HIST 138 (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/search/?P=HIST%20138) History Of The Modern Middle East, or POLS 136 (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/search/?P=POLS%20136) Middle East Government And Politics. Students should continue taking one of the core classes per semester and adding at least one of the additional classes from the list above over the course of two years to complete their 18 required units in the program for the A.A. in Middle East Studies. Students are also encouraged, but not required, to take one of the languages for the program, either Arabic or Hebrew. Students transferring to UCSB’s Middle East Studies Program should complete ARBC 101 (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/search/?P=ARBC%20101) Survey Of Islamic Art And Architecture, HIST 137 (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/search/?P=HIST%20137) History Of Religions Of The Middle East or HIST 138 (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/search/?P=HIST%20138) History Of The Modern Middle East, or POLS 136 (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/search/?P=POLS%20136) Middle East Government And Politics and ARBC 101 (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/search/?P=ARBC%20101) Beginning Modern Standard Arabic 1 sequence at SBCC.

**Middle East Studies: Preparation for Transfer**

SBCC’s Middle East Studies Program is fully articulated with the UC and CSU systems. Students in the program will have satisfied most if not all lower division requirements for the respective majors at four-year schools, such as UCSB’s Islamic and Near Eastern Studies Program and major. Course requirements for transfer vary depending upon the college or university a student wishes to attend. Therefore, it is most important for a student to consult with a counselor and departmental adviser before planning an academic program for transfer. Information on majors and transfer requirements is available in the Counseling Center and Transfer Center.

**Programs of Study**

**Associate Degrees for Transfer**

- Economics, Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/academic-departments/political-science-economics/economics-aa-t/)
- Global Studies, Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/academic-departments/political-science-economics/global-studies-aa-t/)
- Political Science, Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/academic-departments/political-science-economics/political-science-aa-t/)

**Associate Degrees**

- Economics, Associate in Arts (AA) (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/academic-departments/political-science-economics/economics-aa/)
- Global and International Studies, Associate in Arts (AA) (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/academic-departments/political-science-economics/global-studies-aa/)
- Global Leadership, Associate in Arts (AA) (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/academic-departments/communication/global-leadership-aa/)
- Law and Society, Associate in Arts (AA) (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/academic-departments/political-science-economics/law-society-aa/)
- Middle East Studies, Associate in Arts (AA) (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/academic-departments/political-science-economics/middle-east-studies-aa/)
- Political Science, Associate in Arts (AA) (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/academic-departments/political-science-economics/political-science-aa/)

**Certificates of Achievement**

- Global Leadership, Certificate of Achievement (C) (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/academic-departments/communication/global-leadership-certificate-achievement/)
- Middle East Studies, Certificate of Achievement (C) (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/academic-departments/political-science-economics/middle-east-studies-c/)

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Credit Courses

Economics (ECON)

**ECON 101 Microeconomics (3 Units)**
Prerequisites: MATH 095 or MATH 007C or Equivalent based on SBCC's Assessment Center placement via multiple measures.
Course Advisories: MATH 107, ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Principles of microeconomic analysis, economic institutions, and issues of public policy. Topics include scarcity, specialization and trade, market equilibrium, elasticity, production and cost theory, market structures, factor markets, and market failure.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area D2, IGETC Area 4B, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
C-ID: ECON 201.

**ECON 101H Microeconomics, Honors (4 Units)**
Prerequisites: MATH 095 or MATH 007C or Equivalent based on SBCC's Assessment Center placement via multiple measures.
Limitations on Enrollment: Admission to the Honors program.
Course Advisories: MATH 107, ENG 110 or 110H and proficiency in MATH 104 or 107 or 111.
Hours: 72 (72 lecture)
Principles of microeconomic analysis, economic institutions and issues of public policy. Topics include scarcity, specialization and trade, market equilibrium, elasticity, production and cost theory, market structures, factor markets and market failure. The honors course is enhanced with supplemental analytical tools and requires additional readings, writing, and a research capstone project.
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area D, IGETC Area 4, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
UC Transfer Limit: ECON 101 and 101H combined: maximum credit, one course.
C-ID: ECON 201.

**ECON 102 Macroeconomics (3 Units)**
Prerequisites: MATH 095 or equivalent based on SBCC's Assessment Center placement via multiple measures.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or 110H and proficiency in MATH 104 or 107 or 111.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
An introductory course focusing on aggregate economic analysis. Topics include market systems, aggregate measures of economic activity, macroeconomic equilibrium, money and the financial system, the business cycle, monetary and fiscal policy and economic growth.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area D2, IGETC Area 4B, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
UC Transfer Limit: ECON 102 and 102H combined: maximum credit, one course.
C-ID: ECON 202.

**ECON 102H Macroeconomics, Honors (4 Units)**
Prerequisites: MATH 095 or qualifying score on SBCC placement exam.
Limitations on Enrollment: Honors course Students must be accepted into The Honors Program at SBCC.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or 110H and proficiency in MATH 104 or 107 or 111.
Hours: 72 (72 lecture)
An introductory course focusing on aggregate economic analysis. Topics include market systems, aggregate measures of economic activity, macroeconomic equilibrium, money and the financial system, the business cycle, monetary and fiscal policy and economic growth. The honors course is enhanced with supplemental analytical tools and requires additional readings, writing, and a research capstone project.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area D, IGETC Area 4, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
UC Transfer Limit: ECON 102 and 102H combined: maximum credit, one course.

**ECON 114 Environmental and Natural Resource Economics (3 Units)**
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or 110H and proficiency in MATH 104 or 107 or 111. An introduction to the economic analysis of environmental quality and natural resource utilization. Topics include market failures, environmental degradation, sustainable resource allocation, conventional and market-based solutions to environmental problems, as well as the evaluation of public policies aimed at addressing such problems.
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area D, IGETC Area 4, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

**ECON 295 Internship in Economics (2-4 Units)**
Limitations on Enrollment: Other: Students must have completed 12 units at SBCC with a minimum GPA of 2.5.
Hours: 273 (273 lab)
A minimum of 3 units in Economics are required. Structured internship program in which students gain experience in community organizations related to the discipline.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

Global Studies (GLST)

**GLST 101 Introduction to Global Studies (3 Units)**
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Introduction to the interdisciplinary field of global studies. Examines the history of globalization, including the role of communication technology, and analyzes various aspects of globalization: economic, political, cultural and ecological. For each, the focus is on the extent of global cooperation, global conflict and growing global interdependence.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B, SBCCGE Area E
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area D7, IGETC Area 4G, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
C-ID: GLST 101.
GLST 102 Global Problems (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Examines a number of specific problems that the global community faces today, such as global economic inequality and poverty, human rights violations and the status of women, global crime, environmental problems, and global health. Possible approaches for solving these issues are explored, with a focus on global governance.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B, SBCCGE Area E5
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area D7, IGETC Area 4G, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
C-ID: GLST 102.

GLST 103 Introduction to Global Studies: Discussion (1 Unit)
Corequisites: GLST 101.
Hours: 18 (18 lecture)
Weekly discussion section for students enrolled in GLST 101. Discussion of lecture topics, readings and contemporary events. Development of skills related to the writing of a term paper.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

GLST 105 Global Environmental Politics (3 Units)
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Focuses on today's global environmental problems and the policies that address them. Begins with an overview of the state of the global environment, examining major issues such as the loss of biodiversity, the global climate crisis, deforestation, and the pollution of air, water and soil. Considers behavioral and cultural perspectives, such as individuals' and societies' attitudes toward the environment and how these have evolved during the time of the environmental movement. Examines the respective role and policy powers of global, regional and domestic institutions that participate in environmental governance. Explores specific examples of successes and challenges of environmental protection.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area D, IGETC Area 4, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

GLST 295 Internship In Global Studies (2-4 Units)
Limitations on Enrollment: Completion of two courses (in applicable discipline) prior to enrolling in an Internship course.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or 110H.
Hours: 216 (216 lab)
Internship program in which students gain experience in community organizations related to the discipline.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

GLST 299 Independent Study In Global Studies (1-4 Units)
Limitations on Enrollment: Complete 12 units at SBCC with a GPA of 2.5 and a minimum of 6 units with a GPA of 3.0 in Global Studies.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or 110H.
Hours: 192 (192 lab)
Independent study course providing an opportunity for students to explore a specific Global Studies topic in depth, while working closely with their Professor.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

Political Science (POLS)

POLS 101 American Government And Politics (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Introduction to Constitutional principles and their application to the political process and institutions of the United States and the State of California. Attention given to political ideas, processes and issues.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B, SBCCGE Area E2
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area D8, CSU US-2, CSU US-3, IGETC Area 4H, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
C-ID: POLS 110.

POLS 102 American Government And Politics: Discussion (1 Unit)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 18 (18 lecture)
Optional course intended to augment student understanding of the political process and related issues as presented in Political Science 101.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
UC Transfer Limit: No credit for POLS 102 unless taken concurrently or after 101.

POLS 104 American Government: Policy Issues/Process (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Study of formulation, enactment and impact of public policy issues in the U.S. and the state of California, including environment, health care, energy, poverty and welfare, defense, criminal justice, education, civil rights and budgets. Emphasis on policy models, processes and issues.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B, SBCCGE Area E2
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area D8, CSU US-2, CSU US-3, IGETC Area 4H, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

POLS 108 California Government and Politics (2 Units)
Hours: 72 (18 lecture, 54 lab)
Prerequisite or Corequisite POLS 101. Analysis and hands-on experience of the policy process in Sacramento/California, studying and meeting with state and local government entities and all the principals involved in the policy process, from inception to policy implementation. Special Fee: Field Trip fee of $900.00 will cover lodging, meals and incidentals. Scholarships are available.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

POLS 110 Politics, Society And The Mass Media (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Examination of the role played by the mass media in contemporary political society. This survey course includes a focus on such topics as national and international propaganda, the evolution of television and campaign advertising, news analysis, television and political information, government regulation and First Amendment controversies.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area D8, IGETC Area 4H, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
POLS 121 International Politics (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Introduction to the field of international politics. Discussion of the history of international politics, including the emergence of nation-states, international organization, and nongovernmental organizations. Use of various international relations theories to analyze war and conflict, diplomacy and cooperation, and foreign policy making.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B, SBCCGE Area E5
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area D8, IGETC Area 4H, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
UC Transfer Limit: POLS 121 combined: maximum credit, one course.
C-ID: POLS 140.

POLS 121H International Politics, Honors (4 Units)
Limitations on Enrollment: Admission to Honors Program.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 72 (72 lecture)
Introduction to the field of international politics. Discussion of the history of international politics, including the emergence of nation-states, international organization and nongovernmental organizations. Use of various international relations theories to analyze war and conflict, diplomacy and cooperation, and foreign policy making.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area E5
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area D, IGETC Area 4, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
UC Transfer Limit: POLS 121 and 121H combined: maximum credit, one course.
C-ID: POLS 140.

POLS 122 International Organizations: Global and Regional Governance (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Focuses on the history and current actions of international organizations, such as the UN and the EU, and their diverse member states. Discussion of a variety of international problems, such as effective governance, war, economic development, environmental problems and human rights. Students participate in an in-class simulation activity.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area D8, IGETC Area 4H, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
UC Transfer Limit: POLS 121 and 121H combined: maximum credit, one course.
C-ID: POLS 140.

POLS 131 Comparative Politics (3 Units)
Course Advisories: POLS 101 or POLS 121.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Comparative analysis of different kinds of political systems, including their history, political institutions, processes and policies; the environments in which they occur; and their consequences. Comparisons will be made between autocratic and democratic political systems and the political institutions of selected countries, such as Russia, China, Iran, Britain, France and Germany.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area D8, IGETC Area 4H, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
C-ID: POLS 130.

POLS 132 Political Thinking (3 Units)
Course Advisories: POLS 101.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Exploration of fundamental issues in political theory as interpreted by such thinkers as Plato, Aristotle, Hobbes, Locke, Burke, Rousseau, Marx and others.
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C2, CSUGE Area D8, IGETC Area 3B, IGETC Area 4H, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
C-ID: POLS 120.

POLS 134H Political Violence, Honors (4 Units)
Limitations on Enrollment: Admission to Honors Program.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 72 (72 lecture)
Interdisciplinary study of origin, causes, dimensions and kinds of political violence, from regicide to terrorism, from revolution to war. Emphasis on theoretical and historical studies of political violence.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B, SBCCGE Area E5
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area D8, IGETC Area 4H, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

POLS 136 Middle East Government And Politics (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Introduction to the comparative study of the governments and politics of Middle Eastern states. Emphasis on the study of the relationships between political development, political organization and social structure and such concepts as tradition, modernity, autocracy, democracy and political transition.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B, SBCCGE Area E5
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area D8, IGETC Area 4H, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

POLS 151 Law And Society (3 Units)
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Study of the American judicial system as a political institution. Courts, judges, lawyers and police will be examined. Emphasis placed on issues involving the criminal justice system.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area D8, IGETC Area 4H, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
UC Transfer Limit: POLS 151 and 151H combined: maximum credit, one course.

POLS 295 Internship in Political Science (2-4 Units)
Limitations on Enrollment: Completion of two courses in Political Science at SBCC prior to enrolling in an internship course.
Hours: 273 (273 lab)
Internship program in which students gain experience in community organizations related to the discipline.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

POLS 299 Independent Study in Political Science (1-4 Units)
Limitations on Enrollment: Other: Completion of a minimum of 12 units at SBCC, with a 2.5 GPA, and a minimum of six units, with a 3.0 GPA within the department.
Hours: 192 (192 lab)
Limitations on Enrollment: Completion of a minimum of 12 units at SBCC, with a 2.5 GPA, and a minimum of six units, with a 3.0 GPA within the department. Independent study course that provides an opportunity for students to explore a specific political science topic in depth, while working closely with their professor.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable
Middle East Studies (ARBC)

ARBC 101 Beginning Modern Standard Arabic I (5 Units)
Hours: 90 (90 lecture)
Essentials of spoken and written Modern Standard Arabic for the beginner. Provides an introduction to the culture of Arabic speakers.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C2, IGETC Area 6A, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

ARBC 102 Beginning Modern Standard Arabic II (5 Units)
Prerequisites: ARBC 101 or two years of high school Arabic or qualifying score on SBCC SoML placement exam.
Hours: 90 (90 lecture)
Continuation of Modern Standard Arabic 101. Focuses on the essentials of the spoken and written language for the beginner. Provides an introduction to the culture of Arabic speakers.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C2, IGETC Area 3B, IGETC Area 6A, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

ART 216 Survey Of Islamic Art And Architecture (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 100 or 103 or 110 or 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Survey of Islamic art and architecture from Asia to North Africa and Spain, from the era of Muhammad 19th century C.E. Considers the regional artistic manifestations of the vast Islamic world. Analyzes how intercultural relations between Europe and the Islamic world have influenced both spheres of art.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C, SBCCGE Area E5
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C1, IGETC Area 3A, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

HEBR 101 Beginning Modern Hebrew I (5 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 90 (90 lecture)
Beginning course on reading, grammar, syntax and the essentials of spoken and written modern Hebrew. Provides an introduction to the culture of Hebrew speakers.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C2, IGETC Area 3A, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

HEBR 102 Beginning Modern Hebrew II (5 Units)
Prerequisites: HEBR 101 or two years of high school Hebrew or qualifying score on SBCC SoML placement exam.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 90 (90 lecture)
Continuation of HEBR 101. Focuses on the essentials of spoken and written modern Hebrew for the beginner and provides an introduction to the culture of Hebrew speakers.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C2, IGETC Area 6A, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

HIST 137 History of Religions of The Middle East (3 Units)
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Introduction to the history of the three major religious traditions of the Middle East: Judaism, Christianity and Islam in comparative perspective, as well as the historical content of religion in the Middle East.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B, SBCCGE Area C, SBCCGE Area E5
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C2, CSUGE Area D6, IGETC Area 3B, IGETC Area 4F, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

HIST 138 History of the Modern Middle East (3 Units)
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Recent and contemporary history of the Middle East that examines the roots of the present political, cultural and economic situation in this crucial part of the world.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B, SBCCGE Area C, SBCCGE Area E5
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C2, CSUGE Area D6, IGETC Area 3B, IGETC Area 4F, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

POLS 136 Middle East Government And Politics (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Introduction to the comparative study of the governments and politics of Middle Eastern states. Emphasis on the study of the relationships between political development, political organization and social structure and such concepts as tradition, modernity, autocracy, democracy and political transition.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area B, SBCCGE Area E5
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C2, CSUGE Area D6, IGETC Area 3B, IGETC Area 4H, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable