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Certificate: International Studies

International Studies Certificate

The International Studies Certificate is designed to benefit students who are interested in international issues. Course work focuses on issues ranging from economy and trade to culture, politics, and environment from a transnational perspective.

Student Learning Outcomes

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

- Evaluate information presented in a comparative perspective.
- Compare and contrast competing social scientific perspectives and describe the relative usefulness of each perspective to world issues.
- Develop a scientific framework for the analysis of international issues.
- Construct a culturally relativistic view of the world.
- Define his/her place in history based on the knowledge acquired.
- Recognize the complexity of the world as an interconnected and interdependent community

Requirements for Certificate 29 Units

ANTH 310	Cultural Anthropology	3
HIST 307	History of World Civilizations to 1500 (3)	3 ¹
or HIST 308	History of World Civilizations, 1500 to Present (3)	
POLS 302	Introduction to Government: Foreign	3
POLS 310	Introduction to International Relations	3
And a minimum of 8 units from the following:		8
Transfer level foreign language courses (numbered 300-499).		
And a minimum of 9 units from the following:		9
ANTH 330	Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion (3)	
ARTH 322	Art History of the Non-Western World (3)	
ECON 302	Principles of Macroeconomics (3)	
ECON 304	Principles of Microeconomics (3)	
ENGLT 340	World Literature (3)	
ENGLT 341	World Literature (3)	
ENGLT 345	Mythologies of the World (3)	
GEOG 310	Human Geography: Exploring Earth's Cultural Landscapes (3)	
GEOG 320	World Regional Geography (3)	
HIST 300	History of Western Civilization (3)	
HIST 302	History of Western Civilization (3)	
HIST 305	Women in Western Civilization (3)	
HIST 307	History of World Civilizations to 1500 (3)	
HIST 308	History of World Civilizations, 1500 to Present (3)	
HIST 364	Asian Civilization (3)	
HIST 365	Asian Civilization (3)	
HIST 373	History of Mexico (3)	
HIST 480	History of Western Civilization - Honors (3)	
HIST 481	History of Western Civilization - Honors (3)	
HUM 300	Classical Humanities (3)	
HUM 310	Modern Humanities (3)	
HUM 320	Asian Humanities (3)	
HUM 330	Humanities of the Americas (3)	
MUFHL 330	World Music (3)	
PHIL 353	Religions of the Far East (3)	

PHIL 354	Religions of the West (3)
POLS 301	Introduction to Government: United States (3)
POLS 322	Political Ideologies (3)
SOC 300	Introductory Sociology (3)
SOCSOC 310	International Studies - Peace and Conflict Studies (3)
SOCSOC 312	International Studies - Current International Development Issues (3)

¹The history course used to meet this requirement may not be used towards the 9 unit elective requirement.

POLS 301 Introduction to Government: United States 3 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(a); CSU Area D8; CSU Area F2; CSU Area F3; IGETC Area 4H

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course analyzes the U.S. government's historic origins, philosophical and theoretical justification, constitutional structures and how these institutions work. It examines and describes the procedural aspects of the political system including holding elections, campaigning, voting, lobbying, legislating, executing and adjudicating law. It provides an analysis of contemporary problems and issues. It also describes California state and local governments' constitutional base, structures and functions, political process, problems and issues.

POLS 302 Introduction to Government: Foreign 3 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D8; IGETC Area 4H

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course comparatively examines the political systems of selected Western European, Eastern European, Asian, Middle Eastern, African, and Latin American countries. Emphasis is on the formation of political institutions, political culture, citizen and interest participation, political parties, and bureaucratic public policy roles.

POLS 304 Introduction to Government: California 3 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; or ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course covers the essential organization, institutions and processes of California state and local government. It fulfills the California State University requirement for state and local government, but not the requirement for the U.S. Constitution.

POLS 310 Introduction to International Relations 3 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D8; IGETC Area 4H

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is a survey of the international political system. The focus will be on global issues as they relate to the nation-state system, the role of non-state actors, Global North and Global South relations, globalization, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, armed conflict and its causes, regional and hemispheric relations, and international political economy.

POLS 320 Introduction to Political Theory 3 Units

Advisory: ENGRD 116, ENGWR 102, ENGWR 103, ESLR 320, or ESLW 320; or placement through the assessment process.

General Education: CSU Area D8; IGETC Area 4H

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is a survey of the ideas that have shaped Western political development, covering important thinkers from the ancient, medieval and modern periods. Topics covered may include theories of just and unjust societies, social contract theory, justifications for government authority, and the rights of citizens versus the responsibilities of citizenship.

POLS 322 Political Ideologies 3 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D8; IGETC Area 4H

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is a survey of competing ideological approaches to government and politics. It provides comparative and historical analyses of various ideologies. Emphasis is on the theories, values, and assumptions that make up various political ideologies and their effects on political systems.

POLS 330 Constitutional Rights 3 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D8

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is a survey of American constitutional rights and civil liberties. Emphasis is placed on analysis of U.S. Supreme Court decisions and related materials dealing with issues arising under the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

POLS 332 Law and Society 3 Units

Same As: BUS 345

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D8; IGETC Area 4H

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is an introduction to the Anglo-American Common Law System with emphasis upon the nature and purpose of law. The evolution of legal concepts as a reflection of the social environment, and the basic organization and functioning of the American judicial system will be presented from a theoretical rather than a practical view point through analysis of selected cases and reading materials. This course is not open to students who have completed BUS 345.

POLS 494 Topics in Political Science .5-4 Units

Advisory: ENGRD 116, ENGWR 102, ENGWR 103, ESLR 320, and ESLW 320; or placement through the assessment process.; ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 9-54 hours LEC

This course provides the opportunity for concentrated study of specialized topics in Political Science. Each offering focuses on a discrete aspect of the Political Science discipline. Refer to class schedule for class topic. Individual field trips may be required. Course may be taken for a maximum of 9 units.