

# Student Government

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Our program is designed to help nurture the leaders of the future. In addition to Student Government classes, we also offer a Leadership Development Certificate option.

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## Student Government (SGVT)

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### SGVT 300 Introduction to Student Government

Units:	2
Hours:	18 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB
Prerequisite:	None.
Transferable:	CSU

This course provides a study of the legal, educational, and philosophical basis of student government and leadership studies. It may include travel to other campuses, area and state conferences, and it provides the opportunity to participate on faculty and administrative committees. Topics are designed to teach leadership skills and to give practical experience in the field of student government. This course is highly advised for those involved in student government. Field trips may be required.

### Student Learning Outcomes

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

- recommend appropriate advocacy strategies using acquired knowledge of Title 5, parliamentary procedure, committee structures, and campus resources.
- develop effective leadership skills which may include delegating, problem solving, critical thinking, effective meeting planning, time management, and budgeting.
- assess interpersonal skills which may include goal setting, stress management, motivation, oral and written communication skills, active listening, group participation, and diversity awareness.
- organize a variety of campus activities.
- create a budget for student organizations.
- analyze budgets for student organizations.

# SGVT 310 Leadership Development

Units:	3
Hours:	54 hours LEC
Prerequisite:	None.
Transferable:	CSU

This course provides emerging and existing student leaders the opportunity to explore the concept of leadership and to develop and improve their leadership skills. It examines contemporary leadership models as well as personal values and beliefs that affect personal philosophy of leadership. This course provides opportunities to experience leadership in college and community settings. This course is highly advised for those involved in student government.

## Student Learning Outcomes

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

- define fundamental elements of leadership.
- evaluate diverse leadership theories, styles and philosophies.
- evaluate personal leadership values and beliefs.
- describe leadership theories, styles, and approaches within the planning and conduct of organized events.
- develop organizational and situational acumen.
- demonstrate effective critical thinking and ethical decision-making skills.
- define values and self-knowledge of leadership skills and abilities.
- provide purposeful feedback to others.
- construct a personal philosophy of leadership that includes an understanding of self, others, and community.
- assess personal performance.
- define strategies to manage and effect change.

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