

# POLITICAL SCIENCE (POS)

POS 150 Amer Government - National, POS 151 Amer Govt State Local, POS 152 Principles of Political Science, POS 250 Comparative Political Systems, POS 251 International Relations, and may be used to fulfill the social sciences requirement for the Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Fine Arts, and Associate in Engineering Science degrees.

All POS courses numbered 100 and above may be used to fulfill the social sciences requirement for the Associate in Liberal Studies and Associate of Applied Science degrees.

All POS courses numbered 100 and above may be applied to the area of concentration and elective requirement for the AA and AS degrees.

## **POS 140 Community and Civic Engagement (3) 3,0**

This course introduces students to concepts such as public service, community leadership, volunteering, activism, philanthropy, and charitable giving to provide contextual depth to their understanding of civic engagement, especially in the nonprofit sector. Students will gain insight about the roles nonprofit organizations play in contributing to a civil society while also learning some of the technical realities facing nonprofit organizations. Students will examine enduring societal challenges like hunger, poverty, homelessness, etc. that nonprofit organizations work to alleviate. (1.1) Proficiency Credit: Pass/No Credit: Not Available.

**In-District Tuition/Fees:** \$414 (effective 2025/26 academic year)

**In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval.**

**Prerequisite:** Reading: Grade of C or better in RDG 091 or LTC 099, or satisfaction of other placement criteria. Writing: Grade of C or better in ENG 098 or LTC 099 or satisfaction of other placement criteria.

**Semester(s) Offered:** Spring

## **POS 141 Topics in Government (1-3) 1,0**

(1-3, 0) Designed to introduce the student to the complexities and challenges involved in a disciplined study of government. Each topical section will concentrate on an intensive study and investigation of a particular topic in political science. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.1) Proficiency Credit Available (3 C) Pass/No Credit Not Available.

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**Prerequisite:** None

**Semester(s) Offered:** Varies

## **POS 150 Amer Government - National (3) 3,0**

Designed to introduce the beginning student to the problems of government with particular reference to the experience and practices of the United States. A study is made of the historical origin, the constitutional basis, the structure, powers and functions of the national government. (1.1) Fulfills the ECC/IAI General Education/ Social Sciences requirement. IAI Course Number: S5 900 Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.

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**Semester(s) Offered:** Fall, Spring and Summer

## **POS 151 Amer Govt State Local (3) 3,0**

Study of state, county and municipal government with emphasis on the structure and problems of government in Illinois. (1.1) Fulfills the ECC/IAI General Education/ Social Sciences requirement. IAI Course Number: S5 902 Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.

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**Semester(s) Offered:** Spring

## **POS 152 Principles of Political Science (3) 3,0**

This course offers an introduction to the principles, theories and methods of political science, focusing on the nature and development of political science as a discipline, political processes, political institutions and the interrelationships between elements in varied political systems. (1.1) Fulfills the ECC/IAI General Education/ Social Sciences requirement. IAI Course Number: S5 903 Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.

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**Prerequisite:** Reading: Grade of C or better in RDG 091 or LTC 099, or satisfaction of other placement criteria. Writing: Grade of C or better in ENG 098 or LTC 099 or satisfaction of other placement criteria.

**Semester(s) Offered:** Spring

**POS 250 Comparative Political Systems (3) 3,0**

Comparative study of European political systems with other countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Attention will be given to problems, institutions and political processes of the governments studied. (1.1) Fulfills the ECC/IAI General Education/Social Sciences requirement. IAI Course Number: S5 905 Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.

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**Semester(s) Offered:** Varies

**POS 251 International Relations (3) 3,0**

Examination of factors affecting international politics including imperialism, balance of power, sovereignty and international cooperation. Emphasis will be given to contemporary world problems and their historic development. Issues concerning gender, class, race and ethnicity will be analyzed with an international focus. (1.1) Fulfills the ECC/IAI General Education/Social Sciences requirement. IAI Course Number: S5 904 Proficiency Credit Available (3 C) Pass/No Credit Not Available.

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**Semester(s) Offered:** Fall

**POS 297 Independent Study in Government (1-3) 1,0**

(1-3, 0) The student is to have identified a special study project and request advice and direction from the political science faculty. The program will be carried out under the direction of one or more faculty members who will modify the proposal in accordance with departmental requirements for the credit involved. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.1) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.

**In-District Tuition/Fees:** \$414 (effective 2025/26 academic year)

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**Prerequisite:** Consent of instructor

**Semester(s) Offered:** Varies