

MESABI RANGE COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Course Outline

Course Title: Intro to Political Science
Semester Course Prefix and Number: POLS 1558
Old Quarter Course Prefix and Number:

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Approval Date:
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Number of Credits: 3 **Number of Lecture Credits:** 3
Semester(s) Offered: **Number of Lab Credits:** **Number of Lab Hours:**
Fall and Spring **Number of Studio/Demonstration/Internship Credits:**
Class Size: 40
On Line
Negotiated by AASC on:
(date)

Course Purpose Code:

- 0 – Developmental Courses
- 1 – Non-transferable
- 2 – Technical course related to career programs
- 3 – College course which has the primary goal of applying certain concepts (e.g. vocal ensemble)
- 4 – Other college course not considered a part of MNTC (e.g. computer science, health, physical education)
- 5 – Course which is intended to fulfill the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MNTC) requirements or intended for transfer.
- 9 – Continuing Education/Customized Training specialized credit course (not occurring in 0-5)

Catalog Description:

This course deals with a number of topics that are part of the academic discipline of political science, including political theory, political ideologies, government, political culture, politics of diversity, politics of media, politics of change, political economy, international politics, and comparative government. The course draws its context and contents, its examples and its processes, from a global reality as much as possible, giving the course a special emphasis on the topics of comparative government and international politics. The course also requires students to examine their own political experience, political ideas, political culture, and political socialization in the context of considerations of alternative diverse opinions, interests, and ethical views. The course also introduces the study of comparative systems through consideration of other governments and thus is viewed not only as a general introductory course, but also counts as a Global Perspective course.

Prerequisites and/or recommended entry skills/knowledge:

Course

Prerequisite(s):None

Reading Prerequisite:

Composition Prerequisite:

Mathematics Prerequisite:

Career Programs and Transfer Majors Accessing this Course:

Political Science majors, History Majors with Political Science minors, Legal Field.

Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal(s) partially met by this course if applicable:

(Notes: No more than two goals may be met by any one course. AASC review and the Chief Academic Officer's approval are required.)

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| 0. <input type="checkbox"/> None | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> The Humanities and Fine Arts |
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Human Diversity |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Critical Thinking | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global Perspectives |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Sciences | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Ethical and Civic Responsibility |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematical/Logical Reasoning | 10. <input type="checkbox"/> People and the Environment |
| 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences | |

Learning Outcomes: (including any relevant competencies listed in the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum)

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

To articulate the political relationships between governments around the world.

To analyze election dynamics, political parties, and special interest groups globally.

To explain political theory, ideologies, and economies from a global & comparative perspective.

To comprehend and demonstrate the role of a student as a world citizen, and hence must take into consideration local solutions that impact others around the globe.

Student Assessment Methods:

Formal essay analysis, class preparation and lecture feedback.

Use of Instructional Technology: (includes software, interactive video and other instructional technologies):

Additional Special Information: (special fees, directives on hazardous materials, etc.)

Transfer Information: (Please list colleges/majors that accept this course in transfer.)

MNSCU campuses already teaching this course include:

Minnesota West PSCI 1101; Minneapolis CTC PSCI 1110; Normandale CC POLS 1132; Mankato POL 100; Inver Hills POLS 1101; LSC PSCI 1120; SCSU POLS 101; St. Paul C POLS 1750.

Affiliated Mesabi Range College Courses and Programs:

This course fits neatly within the existing Political Science Program and further aligns with the many other higher educational institutions in Minnesota.

Approvals:

Body	Representative Signatures	Date
Faculty Association		
Academic Affairs Standards Committee		
Chief Academic Officer		

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