

# C-ID Descriptor

## Introduction to Political Science

### Descriptor Details

- **Descriptor Title:** Introduction to Political Science
- **C-ID Number:** 150
- **Units:** 3.0
- **Date of Last Revision:** 12/12/2022 01:22:50 PM PST

### General Description

An introduction to political science designed to familiarize students with basic political concepts, political ideologies, political systems, and subfields within political science.

### Prerequisites

No information provided

### Corequisites

No information provided

### Advisories

No information provided

### Content

1. Political science as a field of study and scholarly community.
2. Key concepts in political science, such as nations, states, power, institutions, and political behavior.
3. Introduction to the methods of political science.
4. Political theory and ideologies.
5. Comparative politics, including types of governments, institutional arrangements, and political processes.

6. International relations, including theories, actors, and levels of analysis.
7. Professional and career opportunities for political science majors

### **Lab Activities**

No information provided

### **Objectives**

*At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:*

1. Explain the development of political science and its subfields.
2. Identify the key concepts in political science.
3. Evaluate and analyze normative and empirical approaches.
4. Identify and analyze basic political systems and their differences.

### **Evaluation Methods**

May include as appropriate:

In-class or take-home examinations  
Research papers or projects  
Written assignments  
Analytical papers  
Simulations  
Oral presentations  
Participation in class discussions and debates

### **Textbooks**

Any college-level introduction to political science textbook including, but not limited to

Danzinger. *Understanding the Political World: A Comparative Introduction to Political Science*

Van Belle and Mash. *A Novel Approach to Politics: Introducing Political Science through Books, Movies, and Popular Culture*

Grigsby. *Analyzing Politics: An Introduction to Political Science*

Magstadt. *Understanding Politics: Ideas, Institutions and Issues*

Roskin, Cord, Medeiros, and Jones. *Political Science: An Introduction*

Sell. *Introduction to Politics*.

[https://socialsci.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/Political\\_Science\\_and\\_Civics/Book%3A\\_An\\_Introduction](https://socialsci.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/Political_Science_and_Civics/Book%3A_An_Introduction)

Simon, Douglas W., Joseph Romance, and Neal Riemer. 2018. *The Challenge of Politics: An Introduction to Political Science*. CQ Press.

Van Belle and Mash. *A Novel Approach to Politics: Introducing Political Science through Books, Movies, and Popular Culture*

Whitman Cobb, Wendy N. 2019. *Political Science Today*. SAGE Publications.

May also include supplementary materials such as, but not limited to, primary sources, readers, etc.