

Required Syllabus Information – all must be included in the course syllabus

## **POS 105**

**Course Title:** Intro to Political Science: SS1

**Course Credits:** 3

**Course Description:** Focuses on a survey of the discipline of political science, including political philosophy and ideology, democratic and non-democratic governments and processes, and international relations.

### **GT Pathways Requirements:**

#### **Guaranteed Transfer (GT) Pathways Course Statement:**

The Colorado Commission on Higher Education has approved POS 105 for inclusion in the Guaranteed Transfer (GT) Pathways program in the GT- SS1 category. For transferring students, successful completion with a minimum C– grade guarantees transfer and application of credit in this GT Pathways category. For more information on the GT Pathways program, go to <http://highered.colorado.gov/academics/transfers/gtpathways/curriculum.html>.

### **SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES CONTENT CRITERIA - GT-SS1**

- a. Demonstrate knowledge of economic **or** political systems.
- b. Use the social science to analyze and interpret issues.
- c. Explain diverse perspectives and groups.

### **COMPETENCIES AND STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR GT-SS1**

#### **Critical Thinking:**

1. **Explain an Issue (required for GT-SS1)**
  - a. Use information to describe a problem or issue and/or articulate a question related to the topic.
2. **Utilize Context (required for GT-SS1)**
  - a. Evaluate the relevance of context when presenting a position.
  - b. Identify assumptions.
  - c. Analyze one's own and others' assumptions.
5. **Understand Implications and Make Conclusions (required for GT-SS1)**
  - a. Establish a conclusion that is tied to the range of information presented.
  - b. Reflect on implications and consequences of stated conclusion.

#### **Civic Engagement:**

1. **Civic Knowledge (required for GT-SS1)**

- a. Connect disciplinary knowledge to civic engagement through one's own participation in civic life, politics, and/or government.

#### **SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:**

#### **REQUIRED COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

1. Distinguish between traditional and behavioral approaches to the study of politics.
2. Discuss general approaches to the study of politics such as political philosophy, political ideologies, and political systems.
3. Analyze theories, actors, and practices of international relations.
4. Examine comparative political systems.
5. Discuss international political economy.

#### **REQUIRED TOPICAL OUTLINE**

- I. Scope of the discipline
  - a. Subfields of political science
  - b. History of the discipline
- II. Methodology
  - a. Traditional and historical approaches
  - b. Behavioral approach
  - c. Political behavior
- III. International relations
  - a. Theories
  - b. International law and organizations
  - c. Conflict
  - d. International political economy and globalization
- IV. Political philosophy and ideology
  - a. Political theory
  - b. Political ideologies: development and practice
  - c. Power, legitimacy, and authority
- V. Comparative Politics
  - a. Institutions and regimes
  - b. Electoral process
  - c. Political culture

Effective Implementation date: Summer 2018, 201910