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POLSC 110

Introduction to Political Science

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This course provides an overview of the discipline of political science by examining theories and concepts of political activity. Specifically, we explore:

- **the scientific approach to understanding politics**
- **political philosophies and rationales for government**
- **public opinion and political participation by citizens and interest groups**
- **political institutions: parties, electoral rules, legislatures, and executives-political violence and international affairs**

There are two goals for the course:

1) to give students a broad conceptual foundation in the discipline that prepares them for more advanced courses in political science, and

2) to teach students to think critically about the political world they inhabit and observe, so they are equipped to make judicious decisions as informed citizens