

SUMMER 2026

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**