

NEW COURSE PROPOSAL

PROGRAM AREA SOCIOLOGY

1. Catalog Description of the Course. [Follow accepted catalog format.]

Prefix SOC Course# 330 Title POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY Units (3)

3 hours lecture per week

☐ Prerequisites

☐ Corequisites

Description

Examines power and power structures at all levels of society. The roles of social classes, movements, and institutions in shaping the political process and social influences on political behavior are explored.

☒ Gen Ed Graded ☐ CR/NC ☐ Repeatable for up to units
Categories C3B, D, UD
☐ Lab Fee Required ☐ A - Z Total Completions Allowed

2. Mode of Instruction.

	Units	Hours per Unit	Benchmark Enrollment	Graded Component	CS # (filled in by Dean)
Lecture	3	1	25	☒	
Seminar				☐	
Laboratory				☐	
Activity				☐	

3. Justification and Learning Objectives for the Course. (Indicate whether required or elective, and whether it meets University Writing, and/or Language requirements) [Use as much space as necessary]

This upper division interdisciplinary course is a required course in the Sociology major and an elective for the minor in Political Science.

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

Discuss the political behaviors of social classes, racial and ethnic groups, genders, generations, elites, masses, gays, religious, and other groups in American Society

Analyze how social forces shape policy on issues such as welfare, health care, international trade, information policy, education, abortion, criminal justice, defense, and foreign policy.

Compare and contrast the major theoretical insights in the field of political sociology of influential scholars such as Marx, Weber and Durkheim.

Identify and describe the ideologies and utopian visions that motivate political action

Assess how politics and power is influenced by trends such as the growth of the internet and the global economy

4. Is this a General Education Course YES ☒ NO ☐

If Yes, indicate GE category and attach GE Criteria Form:

A (English Language, Communication, Critical Thinking)

A-1 Oral Communication

A-2 English Writing

A-3 Critical Thinking

B (Mathematics, Sciences & Technology)

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B-1 Physical Sciences	☐
B-2 Life Sciences – Biology	☐
B-3 Mathematics – Mathematics and Applications	☐
B-4 Computers and Information Technology	☐
C (Fine Arts, Literature, Languages & Cultures)	
C-1 Art	☐
C-2 Literature Courses	☐
C-3a Language	☐
C-3b Multicultural	☒
D (Social Perspectives)	☒
E (Human Psychological and Physiological Perspectives)	☐
UD Interdisciplinary	☒

5. Course Content in Outline Form. *[Be as brief as possible, but use as much space as necessary]*

- I. The Economy, Politics and Society: Karl Marx and the Neo-Marxists
- II. On States and Societies: Max Weber and the Neo-Weberians
- III. On Civil Society and Politics: Emile Durkheim and Alexis de Tocqueville
- IV. Basic Forms of Political Rule: Democratic, Totalitarian and Authoritarian.
- V. Power and Equality in Modern America
- VI. Power and Politics in the Modern Metropolis: Southern California in the 21st Century
- VII. Political Parties and Political Partisanship
- VIII. Citizen Participation in Politics: Conventional and Contentious Forms
- IX. Social Movements and Challenges to Power
- X. Building Nation-States in the Modern World

Does this course overlap a course offered in your academic program? YES ☐ NO ☒

If YES, what course(s) and provide a justification of the overlap?

Does this course overlap a course offered in another academic area? YES ☐ NO ☒

If YES, what course(s) and provide a justification of the overlap?

Signature of Academic Chair of the other academic area is required on the consultation sheet below.

6. Cross-listed Courses (Please fill out separate form for each PREFIX)

List Cross-listed Courses

POLS 330

Signature of Academic Chair(s) of the other academic area(s) is required on the consultation sheet below

Department responsible for staffing: SOC

7. References. *[Provide 3 - 5 references on which this course is based and/or support it.]*

Faulks, Keith. 2000. Political Sociology: A Critical Introduction. New York: New York University Press.

Gerth, Hans H. and C. Wright Mills. 1946. From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology. New York: Oxford University Press.

Nash, Kate and Alan Scott eds. 2004. Blackwell Companion to Political Sociology. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing Ltd.

Orum, Anthony M. 2001. Introduction to Political Sociology, Fourth Edition. Prentice Hall.

8. List Faculty Qualified to Teach This Course.

Scott Frisch, New Hire

9. Frequency.

a. Projected semesters to be offered: Fall ☒ Spring ☐ Summer ☐

10. New Resources Required. YES ☐ NO ☒

If YES, list the resources needed and obtain signatures from the appropriate programs/units on the consultation sheet below.

a. Computer (data processing), audio visual, broadcasting needs, other equipment)

b. Library needs

c. Facility/space needs

11. Will this new course alter any degree, credential, certificate, or minor in your program? YES ☒ NO ☐

If, YES attach a program modification form for all programs affected.

Scott Frisch, Harley Baker, Renny Christopher
Proposer of Course

2/1/2005
Date

Approvals

Program Chair

Date

Curriculum Committee Chair

Date

Dean

Date

California State University Channel Islands
New Course Proposal Consultation Sheet

1. Course Title: _____

2. Program Area: _____

Recommend Approval

Program Area/Unit	Program/Unit Chair	YES	NO (attach objections)	Date
Art				
Biology				
Business & Economics				
Education				
English				
History				
Liberal Studies				
Mathematics & CS				
Multiple Programs				
Psychology				
Library				
Information Technology				