

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS

**NEW COURSE PROPOSAL**

PROGRAM AREA POLITICAL SCIENCE

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

**Prefix** POLS **Course#** 316 **Title** STATE AND LOCAL POLITICS AND POLICY **Units** (3)

**3 hours** Lecture **per week**

**Prerequisites**

**Corequisites**

**Description** Examines the structures, functions, policies, politics and administration of subnational governments in the United States.

**Gen Ed**  **CR/NC**  **Repeatable for up to**          **units**

**Categories**

**Lab Fee Required**

**Graded**

**CR/NC**

**A - F**

**Optional (Student's choice)**

**Total Completions Allowed**

**Multiple Enrollment in same semester**

**2. Mode of Instruction.**

	<b>Units</b>	<b>Hours per Unit</b>	<b>Benchmark Enrollment</b>	<b>Graded Component</b>	<b>CS #</b> (filled in by Dean)
Lecture	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>35</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>                    </u>
Seminar	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>                    </u>
Laboratory	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>                    </u>
Activity	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>                    </u>

**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]*

**Justification:** This is an elective course in the political science major. State and local government is a common course taught by political science programs, which familiarizes students with what is perhaps the least understood but most important level of governments for most Americans.

**Learning Objectives:**

Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

*(Press enter for the next bulleted item)*

- Describe the structure and function of local and state government in the US and California
- Think critically about the advantages and disadvantages of the system of direct democracy as it exists in California today
- Discuss the major issues of public policy and the problems that currently impact California today
- Evaluate alternative public policies and make recommendations for implementation based on quantitative tools of analysis
- Assess the status of federalism and the struggle for power between the branches
- Conduct a research project on a local government issue facing California today

**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)**
- 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]*  
*(Press enter for the next bulleted item)*

- State and Local government in a system of federalism
- State Constitutions
- Institutions: Executive, Legislative and Judicial
- Citizen Participation and elections
- Direct Democracy
- Public Administration in the States
- The case of California
- Local government and the States
- The Structure and function of local government
- State and local finance
- Local government in California
- Policy issues confronting California state and local government
- Education policy
- Economic Development
- Environmental Policy
- Criminal Justice
- Social Welfare Policy

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

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

Department responsible for staffing: POLS

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

*(Press enter for the next number)*

1. Beyle, Thad L. (ed.) 2005. State and Local Government 2004-2005. (Washington, D.C.: CQ Press Inc.)
2. Bowman, Anne and Richard Kearney. 2005. State and Local Government. (New York: Houghton Mifflin Company.)
3. Gray, Virginia. 2003. Politics in the American States: A Comparative Analysis. (Washington, D.C.: CQ Press.)
4. Lubenow, Gerald C. and Bruce E. Cain (eds.) 1997. Governing California: Politics, Government and Public Policy in the Golden State. (Berkeley, CA: Institute of Governmental Studies Press)
5. O'Toole, Laurence J, Jr. (ed.) 2000. American Intergovernmental Relations. (Washington, D.C.: CQ Press Inc.)
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- 7.

**8. List Faculty Qualified to Teach This Course.**

Scott Frisch, Dan Wakelee, 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  
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 Proposer of Course

9/20/2005  
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 Date