

GE CRITERIA APPROVAL FORM

Course Number and Title: **SOC/POLS 330 Political Sociology**

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Indicate which of the following GE would be satisfied by this course by marking an "X" on the appropriate lines. Courses may be placed in up to *two* GE categories as appropriate. Upper Division Interdisciplinary GE courses (UDIGE) may be placed in two GE categories in addition to the UDIGE category.

GE Category	
<input type="checkbox"/>	A1: Oral Communication
<input type="checkbox"/>	A2: English Writing
<input type="checkbox"/>	A3: Critical Thinking
<input type="checkbox"/>	B1: Physical Sciences—Chemistry, Physics, Geology, and Earth Sciences
<input type="checkbox"/>	B2: Life Sciences—Biology
<input type="checkbox"/>	B3: Mathematics—Mathematics and Applications
<input type="checkbox"/>	B4: Computers and Information Technology
<input type="checkbox"/>	C1: Art
<input type="checkbox"/>	C2: Literature
<input type="checkbox"/>	C3a: Language
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C3b: Multicultural
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	D: Social Perspectives
<input type="checkbox"/>	E: Human Physiological and Psychological Perspectives
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Upper Division Interdisciplinary GE
Lab Included?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Please provide a brief explanation of how the proposed course meets *each* of the criteria for the selected GE categories.

Upper Division Interdisciplinary

This course applies the methodology of sociology to the study of politics to inform students from both fields. Organized and latent groups are the underpinnings of all activities that can be thought of as political, and the study of political sociology adds insight both to our understanding of political behavior (voting, protest, policy making etc.) and to the nature of social organizations.

Learning objectives that are interdisciplinary:

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