

**PALOMAR COLLEGE**  
**COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD FOR**  
**DEGREE CREDIT COURSE**

Transfer course     A.A. degree applicable course  
(Check all that apply)

**COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE:** POSC 120:                      California Government

**UNIT VALUE:**                      1

**MINIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTER HOURS:**                      16

**BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENTS:**                      Appropriate language skills

**ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

**PREREQUISITE:**    None

**COREQUISITE:**    None

**RECOMMENDED PREPARATION:**    None

**SCOPE OF COURSE:**

Intended for students who have completed the American History and Institutions requirements for the A.A. Degree or CSU General Education, but have not met the California Constitution requirement. Organization and operation of California state and local government. Stress upon citizen participation in the decision-making process. CSU

**SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

The successful student will:

1.     Analyze the complex relationship between national and state governments.
2.     Identify the responsibilities of citizenship.
3.     Analyze current issues of government on the state and local levels.

**CONTENT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE:**

- I. Geography, Society, Economics
- II. Constitutional development
- III. Elections
- IV. Political Parties and Interest Groups
- V. State government: Legislature, Executive, Judiciary
- VI. Local government: Counties, Cities, Special Districts
- VII. Budget and Finances
- VIII. Current Issues

### **REQUIRED READING:**

Several different instructors teach the course. The following texts exemplify those instructors:

Cahn, Matthew Alan et al. *Rethinking California*: New Jersey: Prentice Hall Publishing Company. 2001.

Gerston, Larry and Terry Christensen. *California Politics and Government*. 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. New York: Harcourt Brace College Publishers, 1999.

Hoerber, Thomas and Charles Price. *California Government and Politics*: Annual 1991-1992. California Journal Press, 1991.

Hyink, Bernard and David Provost. *Politics and Government in California*. 15<sup>th</sup> Edition. New York: Addison Wesley Publishing, 2000.

Sohner, C. and M. Field. *California Government and Politics Today*. 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. Glenview, IL: Scott, Foresman, 1990.

### **SUGGESTED READING:**

Various handouts on state and local government may be supplied by the instructor.

### **REQUIRED WRITING:**

Specific writing requirements vary according to each instructor. All administer essay exams; some instructors may require written papers of 2-3 typed pages.

### **OUTSIDE ASSIGNMENTS:**

**Students are expected to spend a minimum of three hours per unit per week in class and on outside assignments, prorated for short-term classes.**

All Political Science 120 instructors require approximately 200-300 pages of reading from the basic text and supplementary materials. Students are also expected to study for examinations and prepare the written papers.

**INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY:**

**Check all that apply:**

- lecture
- laboratory
- lecture-laboratory combination
- directed study

**DISTANCE LEARNING:**

**This course may be offered as a distance learning course and meets Title 5 regulations 55370, 55372, 55374, 55376, 55378, and 55380.**

Yes  No

**If yes, check all that apply.**

- Television Course (Video one-way, e.g. ITV, video cassette, etc.)
- Online Course (Text one-way, e.g. newspaper, correspondence, electronic file, etc.)
- Two-Way Video Conferencing (Two-way interactive video and audio)
- One-Way Video Conferencing (One-way interactive video and two-way interactive audio)
- Computer Assisted Instruction (A specialized form of mediated instruction relying primarily on student access to information and prepared lessons or teaching materials through a Computer terminal, but not under immediate supervision of a qualified instructor.)

**GRADING POLICY AND STANDARDS** (include methods of determining whether the stated objectives have been met by students):

At the discretion of the instructor.

**IS COURSE REPEATABLE FOR REASON(S) OTHER THAN DEFICIENT GRADE?**

Yes  No  Number of times course may be taken for credit:

If yes, identify specific provision of Title 5 Division 2 section(s), 55761-55763 and 58161 which qualifies course as repeatable:

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