



BAKER COLLEGE
STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

POL1010 Introduction to Political Science
3 Semester Credit Hours

Student Learning Outcomes and Enabling Objectives

1. Explore the discipline of political science.
 - a. Examine the subfields in political science.
 - b. Discuss why politics matters.
 - i. Locally
 - ii. Nationally
 - iii. Globally
2. Examine political theory.
 - a. Discuss political philosophy and political ideologies over time.
 - b. Explore the purpose and methods used in the study of political theory.
 - c. Explore the purpose of government.
3. Explore U.S. government and politics.
 - a. Investigate the origins and development of the U.S. Constitution.
 - b. Explore public administration.
 - c. Discuss the development and impact of public policy.
 - d. Examine political behavior and institutions within the U.S.
4. Explore comparative government and politics.
 - a. Discuss how different governments govern.
 - b. Compare political institutions and political behavior.
5. Investigate international relations.
 - a. Compare agencies involved in international relations.
 - b. Determine how countries address conflict.

Big Ideas and Essential Questions

Big Ideas

- Politics
- United States Government
- Political Theory and Methodology
- International Relations
- Comparative Government

Essential Questions

1. Why is it important to understand political theory?
2. Why does politics matter?
3. Why do we need government?
4. How do institutions help determine who gets what, when and how?
5. What is important about public administration and public policy?
6. How do different types of governments and regimes impact people?

These SLOs are not approved for experiential credit.

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