POLS 8  Field Work in Politics
Units: 1.0 TO 6.0  Hours:
Transferable:  CSU
An intern program in practical politics and government administration offering students an opportunity to learn by doing. Interns are placed in the offices of public officials, government agencies, or political campaigns on the local, state and national levels. This is a pass/no pass course. ADVISORY: Consent of instructor. This is essential due to the necessity of screening intern applicants; completion of Political Science 1 or Political Science 3.

POLS 9  Global Social Change
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable:  CSU, UC; CSU-GE:D0, D8, IGETC:4H, 4J; GAV-GE:D2, F
This course examines the social, economic and political forces that have led to a process known as “globalization.” It explores how the global integration of societies, economies, and cultures fundamentally transforms human life with specific emphasis on: the global economy and economic development; transnational political organizations; culture and identity; the effect of globalization on social stratification, including gender/race/ethnic inequalities; transnational migration; environmental change; and transnational social movements. Also listed as SOC 9. PREREQUISITE: English 250 ADVISORY: English 250 and English 260.

POLS 12  Introduction to Political Thought
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable:  CSU, UC; CSU-GE:D8, IGETC:4H; GAV-GE:D2
This course provides students with an introduction to and grounding in classical and modern political thought. Students will be introduced to theorists such as Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, and Marx. Students will also examine such timeless questions as: “What is justice?” “What is the good life?” and “What is power?” among others. This course is also listed as PHIL 12. Previously POLS 2.

PSYC 2  Early Child Development
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable:  CSU, UC; CSU-GE:D9, E, IGETC:4I; GAV-GE:D2, E2
This course examines typical and atypical development within the psychosocial, cognitive, and physical domains from conception through the preschool years. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to evaluate theories and research of child development and effectively apply and communicate their understanding through observation and evaluation. This course is also listed as CD 2. This course has the option of a letter grade or pass/no pass. ADVISORY: Eligible for English 1A; transfer student consult with advisor.

PSYC 3  Child Growth and Development During the School Years
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable:  CSU, UC; CSU-GE:D9, E, IGETC:4I; GAV-GE:D2, E2
This course examines typical and atypical development within the psychosocial, cognitive and physical domains from middle childhood through adolescence. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to evaluate theories and research of child development and effectively apply and communicate their understanding through observation and evaluation. This course has the option of a letter grade or pass/no pass. This course is also listed as CD 3. ADVISORY: Eligible for English 1A; transfer students consult with advisor.

PSYC 5  Self-Assessment and Career Development
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable:  CSU; CSU-GE:E2; GAV-GE:E2
A course designed to assist the student in learning more about personal values, personality, interests, exploration of career choice, and occupational opportunities through the use of various personal assessment instruments. The delivery options for this course include online and self-paced formats. This course is also listed as GUID 1. ADVISORY: Eligible for English 250 and English 260. $12 fee will be charged for career assessment materials.

PSYC 6  Introduction to Conflict Resolution
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable:  CSU; CSU-GE:D7; GAV-GE:D2
Introduction to Conflict Resolution introduces students to conflict resolution and mediation. Integrating theory and practice, students will assess core concepts about the causes and resolution of conflict, and will practice communication skills for conflict resolution. Students will examine how ethnicity, gender, and class affect power in conflict situations. They will be able to formulate appropriate conflict resolution strategies, and will develop and practice various basic co-mediation skills. This course has the option of a letter grade or pass/no pass. This course is also listed as POLS 6 and CMUN 6. ADVISORY: English 250 and English 260.

PSYC 7  Cultural Context of Child and Family in a Diverse Society
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable:  CSU; CSU-GE:D7; GAV-GE:D2
Examines cultural influences on child-rearing practices, family values, and human development. Perspectives from social sciences are used to critique and review theoretical and practical implications of oppression and privilege as they apply to families, schools, and communities, including historical and socio-cultural factors. The processes of socialization and identity development, and the importance of respectful, reciprocal relationships that support and empower families. Self-examination and reflection on issues related to social identity, stereotypes and bias, social and educational access, media and schooling. Also listed as CD 7. ADVISORY: Eligible for English 250 and English 260.

PSYC 10  Introduction to Psychology
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable:  CSU, UC; CSU-GE:D9, IGETC:4I; GAV-GE:D2, F
The nature, scope, methods, presuppositions, history, and fields of psychology together with the scientific study of factors influencing human behavior, human development, perception, learning, memory, emotion, personality, frustration, and psychotherapy. This course was previously listed as PSYC 1A. (C-ID: PSY 110) ADVISORY: Eligible for English 250 and English 260.

PSYC 11  Biological Psychology
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable:  CSU, UC; CSU-GE:D9, IGETC:4I; GAV-GE:D2
This course stresses the biological basis of behavior including: neuroanatomy, the senses, perception, learning, thinking, and psychological disorders. This course was previously listed as PSYC 1B. (C-ID: PSYC 150) PREREQUISITE: Completion of PSYC 1A or PSYC 10 with a grade of ‘C’ or better.

PSYC 27  Contemporary Leadership
Units: 3.0  Hours: 2.0 Lecture and 3.0 Laboratory
Transferable:  CSU; GAV-GE:E2
A cross-disciplinary approach to the theory and practice of leadership. Includes effective communication styles including issues related to gender and culture. Class includes topics on ethics, power, and how to run effective meetings including the use of parliamentary procedure. Skills directly applicable to work, personal and college environments. Also listed as PSYC 27 and GUID 27. ADVISORY: Eligible for English 250 and English 260.

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PSYC 52  Peer Counseling
Units: 2.0  Hours: 2.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU
An overview of the principles, skills, and methods used in peer counseling. Course emphasizes using communication skills, goal setting, intervention techniques and evaluation for peer counselors and others. ADVISORY: Eligible for English 250 and English 260.

PSYC 98  Special Topics
Units: .5 TO 3.0  Hours: .5 TO 3.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU
Special topics courses examine current problems or issues of interest to students within a specific discipline area. For topic content information, consult with the appropriate department chairperson. For transfer status, check with a counselor. This course may have the option of a letter grade or pass/no pass.

Public Speaking: see Communication Studies
Skin Care: see COS 220, 221

SOCIOLOGY

SOC 1A  Introduction to Sociology
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU, UC; CSU-GE:D0, IGETC:4J; GAV-GE:D2; CAN: SOC1
Analysis of the structure and dynamics of human society focusing on the development of culture, the socialization process, group behavior, social inequality, deviance, sexism, racism, and ageism, major social institutions, and human ecology. Emphasizes contemporary American society. (C-ID: SOCI 110) ADVISORY: Eligible for English 250 and English 260.

SOC 1B  Introduction to Sociology: Social Problems
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU, UC; CSU-GE:D0, IGETC:4J; GAV-GE:D2; CAN: SOC4
This course provides an overview of how sociologists understand, identify, and address social problems. Students will be introduced to and critically evaluate various theories to explain and analyze social problems, their presence in our lives, and the extent to which they can be defined as social problems. In addition to identifying contemporary social problems, students will explore the root causes of these social problems and search for potential solutions. Some issues that may be examined are: economic globalization, immigration, poverty, inequalities in educational and employment opportunities, race and gender inequality, and the decline in social connections. (C-ID: SOCI 115) ADVISORY: Sociology 1A.

SOC 3  Sociology of Race, Ethnicity and Cultural Identity
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU, UC; CSU-GE:D0, D3, IGETC:4J; GAV-GE:D2, F
This course is designed to introduce students to the basic sociological concepts and theories of race, ethnicity and cultural identity in U.S. society. Students will examine race, ethnicity and cultural identity as social constructs that permeate social structures and institutions, and how they change over time and space. Over the semester students will critically analyze the ways in which race, ethnicity, class, and gender/sexuality continually shape people’s lives and experiences. While the class focuses on U.S. societies, students will also critically compare and contrast race and ethnicity in other societies. (C-ID: SOCI 150) ADVISORY: Eligible for English 250 and English 260.

SOC 4  Sociology of Women and Men
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU, UC; CSU-GE:D0, D4, IGETC:4J; GAV-GE:D2
This course is designed to introduce students to gender as a basic organizing principle of social life. Students will examine how gender is socially constructed and how these constructions affect self identity, interpersonal interactions, and inequality in society. Students will critically analyze the interactions of gender with race, class, and sexuality. (C-ID: SOCI 140) ADVISORY: Eligible for English 250 and English 260.

SOC 9  Global Social Change
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU, UC; CSU-GE:D0, D8, IGETC:4H, 4J; GAV-GE:D2, F
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SOC 10  Mass Media and Society
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU, UC; CSU-GE:C2, D0, IGETC:4J; GAV-GE:C2, D2
This course helps us understand the 20th century revolution in mass media by focusing on the history, economics and social impact of the newspaper, book publishing, magazine, film, television, public relations, advertising and music industries. We will study audience, propaganda and mass communication theory; we will discuss new technology, ethnic media in the U.S., ethical issues and attempts to regulate or control the media. Honors students will complete more in-depth analysis of media issues, and will finish a media-related research project. This course is also listed as JOUR 10. This course has the option of a letter grade or pass/no pass. (C-ID: JOUR 100) ADVISORY: English 250, English 260

SOC 21  Marriage and the Family
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU, UC; CSU-GE:E2; GAV-GE:E2
Survey of information for preparation for marriage, including dating, courtship, engagement, mate selection, gender roles and rules, adjustment and parenthood. The course will also cover the study of families and how they function. Special attention will be given to how our changing culture and work demands bring about added stress and change to the family, causing increased dysfunction and crisis. ADVISORY: Eligible for English 250 and English 260.

SPANISH

SPAN 1A  Elementary Spanish
Units: 5.0  Hours: 5.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU, UC; CSU-GE:C2; GAV-GE:C2, F; CAN:SPAN2, SPAN SEQ A
Beginning course with emphasis on understanding and speaking Spanish; introduction to reading and writing Spanish. This course will also introduce students to Hispanic culture and institutions. This course has the option of a letter grade or pass/no pass.

SPAN 1B  Elementary Spanish
Units: 5.0  Hours: 5.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU, UC; CSU-GE:C2, IGETC:6A; GAV-GE:C2, F; CAN:SPAN4, SPAN SEQ A
Continuation of Spanish 1A. Further development of the four skills of understanding, speaking, reading and writing Spanish. This course will continue to emphasize the study of Hispanic culture and institutions. This course has the option of a letter grade or pass/no pass. ADVISORY: Spanish 1A or equivalent.

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