POLS 3  Introduction to Comparative Politics  
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture  
Transferable: CSU, UC, CSU-GE,D, IGETC-4H, GAV-GE-D2, F  
Comparative survey of political institutions and processes around the globe. Selected nations may include, but are not restricted to: the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Japan, Russia, India, Niger, and Mexico. (C-ID: POLS 130) ADVISORY: Eligible for English 250 and English 260.

POLS 4  Introduction to International Relations  
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture  
Transferable: CSU, UC, CSU-GE,D, IGETC-4H, GAV-GE-D2, F  
This course provides an introduction to key contemporary international problems and the means to analyze them. Major parts of the course cover such topics as war and peace, foreign policymaking, the international economy, and future trends in world politics. (C-ID: POLS 140)

POLS 5  Introduction to Modern International Terrorism  
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture  
Transferable: CSU, UC, CSU-GE,D, IGETC-4H, GAV-GE-D2  
This course centers on conceptually defining terrorism (all types-foreign and domestic, left and right-wing, religious, environmental, and political, state and non-state), tracing the history and beginnings of modern international and domestic terrorism, critically examining the various U.S.-global responses to the 9-11-01 attacks, as well as generally evaluating and assessing how countries and people around the world try to cope with, prevent and/or respond to attacks by terrorist organizations, groups, or acts of terrorism perpetrated by nation-states or groups working with nation-states. This course has the option of a letter grade or pass/no pass. This course is also listed as AJ 5.

POLS 6  Introduction to Conflict Resolution  
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture  
Transferable: CSU, UC, CSU-GE,D, IGETC-4H, 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 PSYC 6 and CMUN 6. ADVISORY: English 250 and English 260.

POLS 7  Introduction to California Government and Politics  
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture  
Transferable: CSU, GAV-GE-D2, F  
The purpose of this course is to provide students with an in-depth understanding of how the state of California is governed. Emphasis will be placed on local elections, political parties, legislative, executive, and judicial power, special interest groups, lobbying, urban politics, how such a diverse and multi-linguistic state be effectively governed, and policy-making, citizen activism and the importance of community service. Major events in the historical development of California and on current issues of significance will be examined in the context of the United States and California state constitutions. ADVISORY: English 250 and English 260.

POLS 9  Global Social Change  
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture  
Transferable: CSU, UC, CSU-GE,D, IGETC-4H, 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 1A

All courses listed here are part of Gavilan College’s approved curriculum. All courses are not offered every semester. Check the Class Schedule for current offerings.
PSYC 5  Self-Assessment and Career Development
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU, CSU-GE-D, GAV-GE-D2
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-D, 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: Eligible for 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-D, GAV-GE-D2, F
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-D, 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-D, 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, CSU-GE-E, GAV-GE-E
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 POLS 27 and GUID 27. ADVISORY: Eligible for English 250 and English 260.

PSYC 32  Introduction to Research Methods
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU
An overview of the methodologies used in experimental, quasi-experimental and non-experimental research in psychology. Students will learn how to design and conduct research, including formulating hypotheses, reviewing the literature, evaluating ethical issues, selecting methodologies, organizing data, applying statistics, and writing reports. This course is also listed as ANTH 32, POLS 32 and SOC 32. PREREQUISITE: PSYC 10 or ANTH 3 or POLS 1 or SOC 1A with a grade of “C” or better, and MATH 5 with a grade of “C” or better.

PSYC 40  Child and Adolescent Development
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU, UC; CSU-GE-D, IGETC-4G, GAV-GE-D2
This course examines typical and atypical development within the psychosocial, cognitive/ language development, and physical domains from conception through adolescence. There will be an emphasis on interactions between maturational processes and environmental factors. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to evaluate theories and research of child development through observation and evaluation. This course is also listed as CD 40. (C-ID: CDEV 100) ADVISORY: Eligible for English 1A; transfer students consult with advisor.

PSYC 52  Peer Mentoring, Education, and Leadership
Units: 1.0  Hours: 1.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU
An overview of the principles, skills, and methods used in peer mentoring and education. Course emphasizes communication skills, goal setting, intervention techniques, and referral skills for peer leaders. Students will complete national Certified Peer Educator certification upon successful course completion. This course is also listed as GUID 52. 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

SOCIETY

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

SOCI 1B  Introduction to Sociology: Social Problems
Units: 3.0  Hours: 3.0 Lecture
Transferable: CSU, UC; CSU-GE-D, IGETC-4J, GAV-GE-D2
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.