Political Science Student Learning Outcomes

Identify the elective offices and institutions at the state, county and local levels of government and their respective responsibilities, and know how to attain information regarding the specific elected office holders currently serving.

Define federalism and describe its influence in California politics and public policy, noting how specific federal policies might influence the state's development, social programs, and public policies.

Evaluate the Constitution of the State of California, analyzing and assessing its unique key components, including the ballot initiative, the referendum, and the recall.

Note some of the important key historical and cultural factors relevant to California politics.

Recognize and assess key political, economic and social issues confronting the state of California, Southern California, and the Inland Empire.