



POLITICAL SCIENCE

POL 120. INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE.

This introductory course to political science examines the principles and foundations of political thought and the analysis of power relations at varying levels. By reading both classical and modern texts from ancient Greek civilization to reflections on Black Lives Matter, and engaging in group dialogue, students will be exposed to the historical development of political science and research relevant to contemporary society.

Lectures, readings, and in-class discussion will cover political science in relation to other social sciences, the development of the state as a social contract, the subfields of political economy, international relations, social movements, and social change, comparative politics, colonial relations, and decolonial thinking as it pertains to Sint Maarten, the Dutch Kingdom, and our Caribbean region. Emphasis will be placed on the formulation of critical political thought, dialogue, and social research-based production.

3 credits

POL 121. CARIBBEAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS.

A comparative study of development, structure, and processes of government and politics of the Caribbean Islands, with special reference to problems of national integration, political identity, constitutional independence, and political ideology, and to the various solutions to these problems which have been adopted.

