Dear Student,

You are receiving this letter because you were allowed to enroll in PLSI 1018/PPA 2208 for the Fall 2017 due to a system error. We apologize for the inconvenience to you. The General Education curriculum at CSU Bakersfield prescribes that students complete courses in a defined sequence to ensure the development of knowledge and skills. These sequences are enforced through prerequisites. When you attempted to enroll in PLSI 1018/PPA 2208, you should have received notice that PLSI 1018/PPA 2208 has a prerequisite Critical Thinking course that must be successfully completed prior to enrollment in PLSI 1018/PPA 2208.

It is my opinion, that you should be held harmless in regards to this error. Therefore, I am waiving this prerequisite for you and other students in the Fall 2017 that fall into this specific circumstance. However, you should be mindful that some of the assignments in PLSI 1018/PPA 2208 require critical thinking skills that you would have acquired in the prerequisite course. I therefore strongly encourage you to enroll this Fall in one of the Critical Thinking courses listed below.

- PHIL 1019: Critical Thinking
- PHIL 2019: Ethical Reasoning
- SCI 1409: Intro to Scientific Thinking
- SOC 1018: Contemp. Social Problems

Please enroll in one of the courses above to increase your chance of success. I have arranged additional consultation for this circumstance through the Office of General Education, where the Faculty Director of General Education and his staff can assist you with any questions regarding registration (x3934). You can also contact my office directly at x3420 for additional guidance.

Kindly,

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