

POLITICAL SCIENCE - ASSOCIATE IN ARTS FOR TRANSFER

The Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer (AA-T) degree meets the lower division course requirements necessary for the California State University (CSU) system. The world of contemporary politics demands much of both its participants and its critics. The study of political science gives the student an understanding of the workings of American and international politics. In pursuing the Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer degree, students acquire research, information gathering, and analytic thinking skills. A bachelor or professional degree in political science is a strong foundation for careers in local, state, or national government, transnational governmental or non-governmental organizations, law, and business. Graduates also undertake graduate studies in fields such as law, politics, labor and industrial relations, city management and urban planning, journalism, interest groups or social movement lobbying, and communication.

To be awarded the Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer degree, students must:

(1) Complete 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University (CSU) system, including both of the following:

- (A) The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education – Breadth Requirements.
- (B) A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.

(2) Obtain a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information.

Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADTs) also require that students earn a "C" or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis. A "P" (Pass) grade is also an acceptable grade for courses in the major if the course is taken on a Pass/No Pass basis.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Assess the basic structure of the American political system from its origin to today and how its institutions, procedures, and actors function.
- Critically analyze political theories and ideologies.
- Analyze the political systems of other countries and regions, and be able to delineate comparisons across respective political cultures.
- Effectively communicate the impact of state and non-state actors on the development and implementation of policy

Major Requirements

Course	Title	Units
Required Core		9
POLSC 001	Politics and Government In America	
POLSC 002	Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics	
POLSC 003	Introduction to Political Thought and Theory	

POLSC 004	Introduction to International Relations	
List A: Select two courses (6 units)		6
<i>Any course not selected from Core</i>		
MATH 063	Elementary Statistics	
or BUS 060	Fundamentals of Business Statistics	
List B: Select one course (3 units)		3
<i>Any List A course not already used</i>		
AJ 010	Introduction to Administration Of Justice	
ANTH 063	Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology	
COMS 035	Intercultural Communication	
ECON 010A	Principles of Macroeconomic Theory	
ECON 010B	Introduction to Microeconomic Theory	
GEOG 010	Introduction to Physical Geography	
HIST 001	Survey of American History	
PSYCH 001	General Psychology	
SOC 010	Introduction to Sociology	

Total Requirements

Course	Title	Units
Major Requirements		18
CSU GE-Breadth or IGETC for CSU ¹		37-39
Transferable Electives (as needed to reach 60 units)		
Total Units		60

¹ Some GE courses may be double-counted within the major and will reduce the number of units. General electives may be needed to reach 60 units. Please consult with a counselor to determine which courses are applicable.