

Political Science

Political Science AA-T Degree

The Associate in Arts for Transfer in Political Science is designed to provide the transfer student with the opportunity to take lower division courses that could be applied to a political science major at a four year university. Politics is the struggle of who gets what, when and how. A broad spectrum of groups fight for their interests locally, nationally or globally. Political Science looks at the interaction between the individual or group and the government such as local and state governments creating a budget to national governments combating terrorism abroad.

The student who majors in Political Science will become more aware of current events and how those events impact their daily lives. As a Political Science major students may become more politically active and more civic responsible. An AA-T in Political Science would be a stepping stone to many other career fields such as teaching, law, local, state and federal government work and group advocacy.

Upon completion of the political science program, students will be able to:

- Evaluate and summarize research material without involving their own political beliefs or bias.
- State different types of governments and explain their historical developments and political processes within a given country.
- Identify different political theories and apply those theories to contemporary issues
- Differentiate between different theories.

This program is intended for students planning to transfer to a California State University. Students must fulfill the following requirements to qualify for an associate degree for transfer:

- Complete CSU GE Breadth or IGETC pattern
- Complete the major course requirements as specified in the catalog with a C or better
- Complete electives to reach a total of 60 transferable units
- Maintain a grade point average of 2.0 overall
- Complete the English, Critical Thinking, Communication, and Math requirements with a C or better

This program has 50 percent or more of the major courses available via distance education/online

<i>Course #</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Units</i>
Required Core Courses		
POLSCI 001	American Government	3
Select Three Courses (9 units):		
POLSCI 002	Comparative Government	3
POLSCI 004	Introduction to International Relations	3
POLSCI 005	Introduction to Political Theory	3
POLSCI 010	Modern Politics	3
MATH 025	Introduction to Statistics	4
Select Two Courses (6 units):		

Any courses not selected above, any CSU transferable political science courses, and/or other courses that are articulated as lower division preparation for the political science major at a CSU, or any CSU transferable introductory course in the social sciences.

<i>Course #</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Units</i>
AOJ 001	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
AOJ 029	Criminology	3
CD 005	Child Development	3
ECON 001A	Macroeconomics	3
ECON 001B	Microeconomics	3
GEOG 002	World Regional Geography	3
GEOG 003	Cultural Geography	3
GEOG 018	Geography of California	3
HIST 004A	Western Civilization to 1700	3
HIST 004B	Western Civilization From 1700	3
HIST 017A	History of the U.S. 1492-1877	3
HIST 017B	History of the U.S. 1865-Present	3
PE-029	Introduction to Sport and Exercise Psychology	3
POLSCI 020	Legal and Judicial Reasoning	3
PSYCH 001	Introductory Psychology	3
PSYCH 002	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYCH 003	Developmental Psychology	3
PSYCH 005	Biological Psychology	3
SOC 001	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 002	Critical Thinking and Social Problems	3
SOC 003	Marriage and Family Relations	3
SW 020	Introduction to Social Welfare	3
	Total	18-19
	Units to be double-counted as General Education	6-18
	CSU GE Breadth or IGETC Units	39
	Transferable Elective Units	8-21
	Total	

***PSYCH 29 and PE 29 are cross-listed as the same class*