Political Science

Political Science AA-T Degree

The Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer Degree is designed to provide students a seamless transfer to the California State University system. The degree is designed to prepare students for a baccalaureate degree in Political Science or similar major.

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.

Program student learning outcomes:

1. Students will evaluate and summarize research material withouth involving their own political beliers or bias.
2. Students will state different types of governments and explain their historical developments and political processes within a given country.
3. Students will identify different political theories and apply those theories to contemporary issues.
4. Students will differentiate between different theories.

Students must meet the following requirements to qualify for an Associates for Transfer Degree (ADT):

- Complete 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University (CSU).
- A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.
- Obtain a minimum grade point average of 2.0.
- Minimum grade of "C" for each course in the major.
- Completion of CalGETC Requirements with a minimum grade of "C".

Recommended Course Sequence: Political Science AA-T Degree

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

Course #	Title	Units
Required 3 Core Courses (9 Units)		
POLS C1000	American Government and Politics	3
POLSCI 002	Comparative Government	3
POLSCI 004	Introduction to International Relations	3
POLSCI 005	Introduction to Political Theory	3
Plus 7 units from the courses listed below:		
Any Course not selected from Required Core Courses.		
POLSCI 010	Modern Politics	3
STAT C1000	Introduction to Statistics	4
Plus 3 units from the courses listed below:		
Any Course not selected from above.		
AOJ 001	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CD 005	Child Development	3
ECON 001A	Macroeconomics	3
ECON 001B	Microeconomics	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 United States 1492-1877	3
HIST 017B	History of the United States 1865-PRESENT	3
POLSCI 020	Legal and Judicial Reasoning	3
PSYC C1000	Introduction to 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 Work and Human Services	3
	Total Major Units.	19
	Units that may be double-counted as GE.	12
	General Education (Cal-GETC) Units.	34
	Elective Units.	19
	Total degree Units	