

POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Political Science: Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T)

The Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer (AA-T in Political Science) is designed to provide a clear pathway to a CSU institution for students who plan to transfer and complete a CSU major or baccalaureate degree in Spanish. California Community College students who are awarded an Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer (AA-T in Political Science) are guaranteed admission with junior standing somewhere in the CSU system and given priority admission consideration to their local CSU institution or to a program that is deemed similar to their community college major. This priority does not guarantee admission to specific majors or institutions.

The Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer is designed to involve students in the examination of the structure of government and the political systems in our and other nations. The curriculum covers the interaction and responsibilities of citizens and social institutions in those systems. This program offers insights into these events on the local, state, national and international levels and these insights also encourage involvement of the citizenry.

Students completing this program successfully will be able to identify and explain the sources of and reasons for democratic government. Students will also be able to classify and explain the various kinds of governments other nations have. In addition, students will be able to define and trace the historical development of the modern international system.

Program Learning Outcomes:

- Students will be able to identify and describe major political institutions.
- Students will be able to analyze the exercise of power.
- Students will be able to apply theories and concepts of Political Science to real world events and situations.

Career/Transfer Opportunities:

Career opportunities include the following: attorney, city planner, lobbyist, civics teacher, journalist, researcher, social worker, public administrator, political analyst, and media specialists.

To earn this degree, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Completion of the following major courses with grades of C or better.
2. Completion of a maximum of 60 CSU-transferable semester units with a grade point average of at least 2.0; and
3. Certified completion of either the California State University General Education Breadth pattern (CSU GE-B) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC).

| Core Requirement Courses (3 units): | | Units |
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| POL 001 | American Government OR | 3.0 |
| POL 001H | American Government - Honors | 3.0 |

| List A. (9-13 units) Complete Three (3) courses from the following: | | Units |
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| POL 002 | Comparative Government | 3.0 |
| POL 003 | Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy | 3.0 |
| POL 004 | International Relations | 3.0 |
| POL 005 | Political Science Research Methodology | 3.0 |
| MAT 009 | Integrated Statistics II | 5.0 |
| MAT 010 | Elementary Statistics -OR- | 4.0 |
| MAT 010H | Elementary Statistics - Honors | 4.0 |
| SOC 016 | Introduction to Statistics in Social and Behavioral Sciences | 3.0 |

| List B. (6-8 units) Complete two (2) Courses from the following: | | Units |
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| POL 006 | Politics of Race, Class and Gender | 3.0 |
| POL 007 | International Films | 3.0 |
| POL 020 | Controversial Legal Issues | 3.0 |
| GLB 001 | Global Perspectives | 3.0 |
| GLB 002 | Global Issues | 3.0 |
| GLB 004 | The Developing World | 3.0 |
| GEO 002 | Introduction to Cultural Geography | 3.0 |
| GEO 006 | World Regional Geography | 3.0 |
| ECN 001A | Principles of Macroeconomics | 4.0 |
| ECN 001B | Principles of Microeconomics | 4.0 |
| ECN 006 | The Global Economy | 3.0 |
| BUS 028A | Business Law I | 3.0 |
| ANT 003 | Introduction to Cultural Anthropology | 3.0 |

Required Units for the Major: 18.0-21.0

Completion of General Education Requirements and electives as needed to reach 60 units.

Total Required Units: 60.0