

POLITICAL SCIENCE, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS FOR TRANSFER

The Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer degree (AA-T in Political Science) program prepares students to analyze practices of power by evaluating the policy-making functions of government, both in the United States and in other countries, social movements, war, and revolution, among other topics. Political science majors receive thorough training in a broad range of quantitative and qualitative methods and learn to conduct research on topics of interest to contemporary political scientists, preparing them for transfer into the CSU system to pursue a baccalaureate degree in Political Science or related area. Students must complete the Associate Degree for Transfer requirements to earn the AA-T degree.

Learning Outcomes

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

- Identify the primary theories and methods associated with the four major subfields of the political science.
- Explain the relationship of political outcomes (i.e., constitutions, laws, treaties, wars, etc.) to the institutional structures that have produced them.
- Identify the primary variables in the political development of the institutions of U.S. government.
- Relate the primary theories of political motivation to the actions of political actors, both individual and institutional.

Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree Major Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Required Core		
POLS 1	Introduction to American Government and Politics	3
List A		
Select three courses from the following:		9-10
POLS 2	Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics	
POLS 3	Introduction to Political Theory and Thought	
POLS 4	Introduction to International Relations	
POLS 7	Introduction to Political Science Research Methods	
	or MATH 16 Elementary Statistics	
	or PSYC 19 Introduction to Statistics for the Social Sciences	
	or SOCI 19 Introduction to Statistics for the Social Sciences	
List B		
Select two courses from the following:		6-7
Any List A course not already selected		
ECON 2	Principles of Economics: Macro	
	or ECON 4 Principles of Economics: Micro	
ETNC/SOCI 13	Introduction to Race and Ethnicity	
ETNC 16	African-Americans in American Government	
ETNC 18	Latinos in American Government	

POLS 5	Politics of Developing Countries	
POLS/GWOS 10	Gender in American Politics	
POLS 11	Politics of Migration and Citizenship	
POLS 12	Politics in Film	
TOTAL MAJOR UNITS		18-19
Additional Requirements		
Complete CSU General Education or IGETC pattern and electives, if needed, for a total of 60 transferable units.		41-42
Total Units		60

Please refer to the graduation requirements section of the Catalog for information about degree and certificate requirements including Reading and Writing, Mathematics, Information Competency, and General Education requirements.