

# POLITICAL SCIENCE – ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE FOR TRANSFER TO CSU

Top Code: 2207.00

Knowledge of the past is a prerequisite for understanding the present and preparing for the future. The Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer Degree offers an array of courses designed to enable students to comprehend how they, their nation, and the contemporary world have been shaped by historical events and forces. It is only by studying the Political Science of other civilizations and cultures that we hope to gain perspective on our own. In addition to producing teachers and historical researchers, the AA-T in Political Science helps prepare students for other careers. Majoring in Political Science is excellent preparation for students interested in a teaching career, the legal profession, or advanced work in the discipline. Students wishing to become business executives, administrators, and public servants profit immensely by gaining the methodological skills of the historian. Historians learn to gather, synthesize, analyze, and interpret evidence; they become skilled in presenting their conclusions to a general audience in a lucid and logical manner. Political Science is an excellent foundation for a broadly based education in the liberal arts.

The Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer Degree will be awarded upon completion of coursework totaling 60 California State University (CSU) transferable units including the above major requirements and the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC-CSU) or California State University General Education (CSUGE) requirements with a minimum grade point average of 2.0. All courses in the major must be completed with a grade of “C” or better, or P if the course is graded on a P/NP basis. (Students completing this degree are not required to fulfill additional local graduation requirements)

## Program Outcomes

1. Demonstrate through original written and/or oral analysis the ability to identify important events in historical eras; evaluate variables of historical phenomena; and analyze the causes and impact of significant change in a global context.
2. Demonstrate awareness and critique the value of varied sources of historical information including professional lectures, secondary texts, primary documents, visual arts, fiction, oral histories, community studies, and/or current journalistic reports.
3. Demonstrate responsibility as self-directed listeners, readers, and researchers.
4. Compare and contrast the experiences and issues of subsets of minorities with that of mainstream in power, including concerns of race, class, and gender.
5. Demonstrate respect for diversity of opinions on historical debates.
6. Apply the analysis of Political Science to create a plan for fulfilling your own civic responsibilities as community and international citizens.

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Code	Title	Units
<b>Required Core</b>		
POLS 001	INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	3
<b>List A</b>		
Select three of the following courses:		9-10
POLS 002	COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	
POLS 006	THE U.S. AND WORLD POLITICS	
POLS 007	PRINCIPLES OF POLITICAL SCIENCE	
POLS 022	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY	
STAT 018	STATISTICS FOR BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES	
	or STAT 050 ELEMENTARY STATISTICS	
<b>List B</b>		
Select any two Courses from below or any List A course not used above:		6
ANTH 002	CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY	
ECON 001A	PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS	
ECON 001B	PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS	
GEOG 002	CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY	
POLS 021	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL ECONOMY	
<b>Required Subtotal</b>		<b>18-19</b>
CSU General Education or IGETC CSU Pattern		37-39
Transferable Electives (as needed to reach 60 transferable units)		
<b>Degree Total</b>		<b>60</b>

Visit the Program Mapper (<https://pasadena-city.programmapper.ws/academics/interest-clusters/679da697-6b16-49ad-b2d5-fd769f23be0d/programs/7ce332aa-02f1-9a36-6aed-8911158d9e30/>) for a suggested sequence of courses.

## General Education Requirements for the Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer

- General Information (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/academic-programs-leading-degree-certificate/>)
- CSU Breadth (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/academic-programs-leading-degree-certificate/#csubreadthtext>)
- IGETC (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/academic-programs-leading-degree-certificate/#igetctext>)

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