



Associate Degree for TransferSM

POLITICAL SCIENCE FOR TRANSFER (AA-T)



The AA-T in Political Science for Transfer is designed to prepare students to transfer to a California State University (CSU) with the intent of earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science.

The following is required for the AA-T in Political Science for Transfer degree:

1. Minimum of 60 semester or 90 quarter CSU-transferable units.
2. Minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework.
3. Minimum of 18 semester or 27 quarter units in the major.
4. A grade of "C" or higher or "Pass" in all courses required for the major.
5. Certified completion of the California State University General Education (CSU GE) Breadth pattern OR the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern; see Degree Requirements and Transfer Information section for more information. Note: If following IGETC, IGETC-CSU must be followed for admission to a CSU.

Program Learning Outcomes

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

- Remember the major concepts of subfields of political science and their relevance to political behavior and political institutions across diverse communities and cultures.
- Understand the historical roots and major theories, conceptualizations, operationalizations, and measurements utilized in political science and its subfields from multiple perspectives.
- Apply the scientific method to explain political behavior and political institutions.
- Analyze the application of political science's abstract theories, empirical regularities, and public policy applications towards civic engagement domestically and internationally.
- Evaluate how concepts of political actors, networks, and status quo are theoretically and empirically analyzed and their application across diverse communities and cultures.
- Create a professional research project that uses the scientific method and follows ethical guidelines to analyze political phenomenon and/or a public policy project that utilizes data, geographic information systems, policy, and communication analysts' perspectives.

Career Opportunities

Students who earn an AA-T in Political Science from Cuyamaca College will be prepared for entry level positions such as a:

- Staff member to an elected official: local (City Councilor or Mayor), state (i.e. Statewide constitutional official, State Senator, State Assembly Member), or federal (i.e. U.S. Senator or Member of Congress)
- Staff member to an appointed official: local (i.e. City Manager or County Chief Executive Officer), regional (i.e. San Diego Association of Governments), or state (i.e. California State Water Resources Control Board Commissioner)
- Staff member in public, private, or non-profit sector's external affairs, government affairs, or regulatory affairs department
- Intern with an international government or non-governmental organization or institution
- Research assistant to a professor at a 4-year university, or a researcher at a public policy think tank, or in an institutional research department

Associate in Arts Degree Requirements

| Code | Title | Units |
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| Core Curriculum | | |
| POSC-121 | Introduction to U.S. Government and Politics | 3 |
| List A | | |
| Select three of the following: | | 9 |
| POSC-120 | Introduction to Politics and Political Analysis | |
| POSC-124 | Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics | |
| POSC-130 | Introduction to International Relations | |
| POSC-170 | Introduction to Political Science Research Methods | |
| List B | | |
| Select two of the following: | | 6-7 |
| POSC-140 | Introduction to California Governments and Politics | |
| MATH-160 or PSY-215 | Elementary Statistics Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences | |
| Any course from List A not selected above | | |
| Units for the Major | | 18-19 |
| 9 units may be double-counted with GE | | |
| Plus General Education Requirements (CSU GE or IGETC-CSU) (https://catalog.gcccd.edu/cuyamaca/degree-requirements-transfer-information/) | | 39/37 |
| Total Transferable Elective Units | | 11-12/13-14 |
| Total Units | | 60 |