

POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATE IN ARTS



Political Science is perhaps the oldest organized academic discipline in western civilization, and a major in this field prepares students for a variety of challenges. A major in political science can lead to a transfer to a university where one can continue work leading to a baccalaureate degree in political science, public administration or public policy. In addition, there are selected entry level positions in business and government open to the graduate with an Associate in Arts degree in Political Science. Some individuals follow the steps necessary to go beyond an undergraduate degree and enter graduate schools leading to careers in law, government service, or industry.

Outlined below is the program that fulfills the lower division requirements for most majors in political science in universities. For special requirements, the student should consult the baccalaureate granting institution he/she is considering for matriculation.

Career Opportunities

<https://www.grossmont.edu/student-support/career-center/resources.php>

Book Critic
City Manager¹
Congressional District Aide
Consular Officer¹
Diplomatic Officer¹
Election Supervisor
Fund Raising Director¹
Intelligence Specialist¹
Labor Relations Specialist¹
Lawyer¹
Paralegal Assistant
Research Assistant
Urban Planner¹

¹ Bachelor's Degree or higher required.

The Program-level Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs) below are outcomes that students will achieve after completing specific degree / certificate requirements in this program. Students will:

1. Think critically and effectively express their views in written and verbal communication.
2. Demonstrate the skills for contemporary world citizenship.
3. Demonstrate a basic understanding of US and world politics as well as the broad discipline of political science.
4. Pursue advanced study in political science and relevant career-oriented programs.
5. Critically analyze the nature of power in political systems including the roles played by institutional and non-institutional actors.

Associate Degree Major Requirements

Code	Title	Units
POSC-120	Introduction to Politics and Political Analysis	3
POSC-121	Introduction to U.S. Government and Politics	3
Select three of the following: ¹		9
POSC-124	Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics	
POSC-130	Introduction to International Relations	
POSC-140	Introduction to California Governments and Politics	
POSC-145	Introduction to Latin American Government and Politics	
POSC-147	Introduction to Middle East Government and Politics	
POSC-148	American Foreign Policy	
POSC-150	Introduction to Political Theory	
POSC-155	State and Society in the Asia Pacific	
ECON-120	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
or GEOG-130	Human Geography: The Cultural Landscape	
Total Units		18

Plus General Education (<https://catalog.gcccd.edu/grossmont/admission-information/general-education-transfer/>) and Elective Requirements

¹ After consultation with a member of the political science faculty and a counselor because of differences in transfer requirements at various four year institutions.

Recommended Electives

Students planning to complete a baccalaureate degree in political science are **strongly** advised to consult with a faculty advisor in political science at Grossmont College and take the following courses:

Code	Title	Units
ANTH-120	Cultural Anthropology	3
ECON-215	Statistics for Business and Economics	4
or MATH-160	Elementary Statistics	
HIST-108	Early American History	3
HIST-109	Modern American History	3
POSC-135	Model United Nations	1
SOC-120	Introductory Sociology	3