POLITICAL SCIENCE

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

Academic Plan: H040109G

The Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer Degree Creates a transfer pathway for students who plan to complete a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science or related areas at a California State University (CSU); guaranteeing admission to the system (but not to a specific campus), and priority consideration for admission to the equivalent CSU program.

A student may earn an Associate in Arts in Political Science (AA-T) Degree by completing 60 semester units that are eligible for transfer to the CSU, including 18-19 units in the major, 8-17 CSU-transferable units, and either the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the CSU General Education Breadth (CSU GE) requirements, with a grade of C or P better in major courses and a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0. Students should consult with a counselor when planning to complete the degree for more information on university admission and transfer requirements. This degree complies with The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (Senate Bill 1440).

With successful completion of this degree, students will be able to identify and explain major economic, political, social, cultural and historical themes underlying contemporary issues in the policymaking process. Students will be able to critically analyze different theories pertaining to the discipline using primary and/or secondary sources in support of their arguments. The program will allow students to identify and distinguish various academic and journalistic sources, and explain what these reveal about contemporary political issues and policymaking. Through this foundational knowledge, students completing the Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer Degree will be prepared for successful completion of a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

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

- Identify and explain major economic, political, social, cultural and historical themes underlying contemporary issues in the policymaking process.
- Critically analyze different theories pertaining to the discipline using primary and/or secondary sources in support of their arguments.
- Identify and distinguish various academic and journalistic sources, and explain what these reveal about contemporary political issues and policymaking.

Required Core: (3 units):

POL SCI 001 The Government of the United States (3)

List A: Select three (9-10 units):

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POL SCI 002	Introduction to Comparative Politics (3) formerly Modern World Governments
POL SCI 003	Introduction to Political Science (3)
POL SCI 005	The History of Western Political Thought (3)
POL SCI 007	Introduction to International Relations (3) formerly Contemporary World Affairs
POL SCI 050	Introduction to Research in Political Science (3)
or	
MATH 227 or	Statistics (4)
STAT 001	Elementary Statistics I for the Social Sciences (3)
or	
STAT 001S	Elementary Statistics I for the Social Sciences with Support (3)

List B: Select two (6 units):

Any List A course not already used.

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ANTHRO 102	Human Ways of Life: Cultural Anthropology
	(3)
BUS 001	Introduction to Business (3)
GEOG 002	Cultural Elements of Geography (3)
HISTORY 001	Introduction to Western Civilization I (3)
HISTORY 002	Introduction to Western Civilization II (3)
HISTORY 011	Political and Social History of the United
	States to 1877 (3)
HISTORY 012	Political and Social History of the United
	States from 1865 (3)
POL SCI 004	Introduction to State and Local
	Governments (3)
POL SCI 030	The Political Process (3)
SOC 001	Introduction to Sociology (3)

Major (Core and Electives)	18-19
Additional CSU GE or IGETC Requirements	25-33
(Not including 6-12 double-countable major units)	
Additional CSU-Transferable Units	8-17
Total	60