

Political Science

Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer (ADT: A.A.-T)

Program Description

This program examines the theory and practice of government and the powerful personalities that affect governmental decisions. This interplay of individual citizens, public leaders, elections, and world events make political inquiry relevant today. The program provides a broad base for the analysis of how government resolves social conflict within the United States and around the world.

Associate in Science in Political Science for Transfer

Upon completion of the Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer Degree, students will be eligible to transfer to a CSU undergraduate Political Science program. The Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer Degree will facilitate successful transfer to the CSU system, allowing students to complete baccalaureate degrees in a more timely fashion.

To earn the Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer degree, students must:

1. Complete 60 semester units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:
 - a. The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education – Breadth Requirements
 - b. A minimum of 18 semester units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.
2. Obtain a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

Program Outcomes

Students who complete the Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer degree will be able to:

1. Increase intellectual curiosity and political awareness
2. Acquire an understanding of basic citizenship skills and requisite knowledge
3. Demonstrate competency in the SCC “Core Four” competencies
4. Expand knowledge and understanding of governmental systems and world politics. Apply political science skills to critically analyze and evaluate world governments, political movements and political change
5. Demonstrate reading, writing, and analytical skills necessary to succeed in college, to transfer to four-year institutions, and to increase career and professional opportunities.
6. Develop awareness of cultural, social, political, environmental and economic forces in the US and world and arrive at a higher level of understanding of cultural and political diversity

REQUIRED COURSES	Units
PLSC 001 Introduction to American Government and Politics	3
Select 3 courses (9 – 10 units) from List A.	9 – 10
Select 2 courses (6 units) from List B.	6

List A – Select 3 courses (9 – 10 units)

PLSC 002 Introduction to Comparative Government.	3
PLSC 006 Basic Concepts in Political Thought.	3
PLSC 003 Introduction to International Politics.	3
OR	
IR 001 Global Interdependence	3
MATH 011 Elementary Statistics	4
PLSC 004 Introduction to Political Science.	3

List B – Select 2 courses (6 units)

Any course from List A not already used and/or:

PLSC 005 Constitutional Rights in a Multicultural Society	3
PLSC 016 The American Legal System	3
PLSC 019 Human Rights and Sexual Orientation	3
PLSC 049 Political Science Honors	1 - 3
PLSC 050 Student Leadership	1

Required Major Total Units 18 - 19

CSU General Education or IGETC Pattern Units . 37 - 39

CSU Transferable Electives

(as needed to reach 60 transferable units)* 8 - 17

Total Degree Units 60

* 6 - 12 units may be double counted toward both the major area of emphasis and CSU General Education or IGETC Pattern. Consult with a counselor for more information on completing this degree.

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PLSC 001 **3.0 Units**
Introduction to American Government and Politics

Course Advisory: Successful completion of English 001 with a minimum grade of C and SCC minimum Math standard. Introduction to the theory and practice of American politics, this course includes an analysis of the operation of national, state, and local governments, as well as the U.S. and California Constitutions. C-ID POLS 110. *Three hours lecture.*

PLSC 002 **3.0 Units**
Introduction to Comparative Government

Course Advisory: PLSC 001; Successful completion of English 001 with a minimum grade of C; SCC minimum Math standard. The political institutions of selected industrialized and developing nations are examined comparatively. Emphasis is on the formation of political institutions; government; political culture; ethnic groups; citizen and interest participation; political parties; and modern bureaucratic public policy roles. This course includes a 10-12 page research paper. C-ID POLS 130. *Three hours lecture.*

PLSC 003 **3.0 Units**
Introduction to International Politics

Course Advisory: Minimum Standards: ENGL 001 and SCC minimum Math standards. Successful completion of PLSC 001. An introductory study of the international system from the U.S. perspective focusing on such concepts as the nation state and nationalism, power, war and military strategy, international law and approaches to international peace and stability. C-ID POLS 140. *Three hours lecture.*

PLSC 004 **3.0 Units**
Introduction to Political Science

Course Advisory: ENGL 001 with a minimum grade of C and SCC minimum MATH standard. An introduction to political science designed to familiarize students with basic political concepts, political ideologies, political systems, and subfields within political science. C-ID POLS 150. *Three hours lecture.*

PLSC 005 **3.0 Units**
Constitutional Rights in a Multicultural Society

Course Advisory: PLSC 001; ENGL 001; SCC minimum Math standard. Introduction to Constitutional rights, this course will highlight the impact of European, Native American, African American, Asian American, and Latino American cultures on United States and California law and government. The effect of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches will be explored. Cross-cultural issues will also be an integral part of this inquiry, including the freedom of expression, religious culture, and the politics of ethnic groups. Satisfies B or E requirements for graduation. *Three hours lecture.*

PLSC 006 **3.0 Units**
Introduction to Political Philosophy

Course Advisory: ENGL 001 or ENGL 062. An inquiry into fundamental political concepts in political thought (e.g. justice, freedom, equality, power, authority, obligation and citizenship) as expressed by major political thinkers. Includes the study of basic skills, criticism, and method in political inquiry relevant to the life and education of citizens. Critical reading and writing are required. C-ID POLS 120. *Three hours lecture.*

PLSC 016 **3.0 Units**
The American Legal System

Course Advisory: PLSC 001; ENGL 001; SCC minimum Math standard. Introduction to the American legal system and influence of other legal systems, emphasizing the evolution of legal concepts in response to the changing environment. The American judicial system will be analyzed to include civil and criminal procedure, torts & contracts, as well as current legal issues including the death penalty, insanity defense, drugs, environmental law, right to die, forensic evidence and role of juries. *Three hours lecture.*

PLSC 019 **3.0 Units**
Human Rights and Sexual Orientation

Course Advisory: ENGL 001. An introduction to gay/lesbian studies with an analysis of a variety of concepts and theories in relation to political science, gay rights and the law, the politics of AIDS, health issues, the political/religious right, marriage and family, and current gay agenda issues. *Three hours lecture.*

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PLSC 048G**3.0 Units****Human Rights: A Global Perspective**

Course Advisory: Completion of English 001, SCC minimum Math standards. An introduction to the developing systems, laws and norms for the promotion and the protection of human rights in the world today. This course will also provide a foundation for understanding legal, political, and economic aspects of human rights. Topics will include ideological and cultural perspectives; sources of violations; the United Nations, regional, and national systems; women's human rights; and the role of non-governmental organizations. Overall the course will be looking at prevailing concepts, institutions, rules, procedures, problems, and Human Rights potentialities. *Three hours lecture.*

PLSC 049**1.0 to 3.0 Units****Political Science Honors**

Prerequisite: Completion of 24 units of college credit with a minimum GPA of 3.3; a minimum of 6 units in the discipline with a minimum grade of B; an ability to work independently; permission of the School Dean based on instructor availability. Independent study project which results in a critical examination of government, politics, or law. Students may take this course up to the maximum number of units over multiple semesters. *Three to nine hours by arrangement.*

PLSC 050**1.0 Unit****Student Leadership**

Course Advisory: SCC minimum English and Math standards. A class devoted to the practical application of the governmental process through participation in the student government program. Open to all students. *Two hours activity, one hour by arrangement.*