

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):

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 Statistics (4)

or

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.

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
<small>(Not including 6-12 double-countable major units)</small>	
Additional CSU-Transferable Units	8-17
Total	60