



Associate Degree for TransferSM

POLITICAL SCIENCE FOR TRANSFER (AA-T)



Transferring to a California State University campus

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.

Transferring to a University of California campus

Additionally, this AA-T degree aligns with the University of California (UC) Transfer Pathway for Political Science. While each UC campus has its own unique requirements for students earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, this AA-T degree offers students foundational knowledge that they will need to be successful in a political science program at any UC campus.

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, and/or a civic engagement project that focuses on local, state, and federal public policies which promote diversity, inclusion, and equity, and/or another capstone project.

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
Core Curriculum		
Select three of the following:		9
POSC-121	Introduction to U.S. Government and Politics	
POSC-124	Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics	
POSC-130	Introduction to International Relations	
POSC-150	Introduction to Political Theory	
List A		
Select two of the following:		6
POSC-120	Introduction to Politics and Political Analysis	
POSC-165	Introduction to the Politics of Race and Gender	
POSC-170	Introduction to Political Science Research Methods	
Any course not selected from Core		
List B		
Select one of the following:		3
Any course from List A		

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-166	Introduction to Native American Politics and Policy	
POSC-180	Introduction to Public Policy	
Any course from List A not selected above		
Units for the Major		18
6 units may be double-counted with GE		
Plus General Education Requirements (CSU GE or IGETC-CSU)		39/37
(https://catalog.gcccd.edu/cuyamaca/degree-requirements-transfer-information/)		
Total Transferable Elective Units		9/11
Total Units		60