

# POLITICAL SCIENCE, AA-T

## Humanities and Social Sciences Division

### Degree A0345

Political Science introduces students to political science theories and methodologies used in the scientific study of political institutions and behavior. The Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer degree will provide students with the foundational knowledge necessary to identify research and statistical methods appropriate to political science, to compare and contrast the major theoretical perspectives in political science, and synthesize the analysis of institutions and individuals. The Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer degree is designed to assist students in seamlessly transferring to a CSU major in Political Science.

To earn an associate degree for transfer, a student must complete 60 semester units that are eligible for transfer to a CSU that consist of: IGETC pattern or CSU GE breadth and a major of at least 18 units. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework to receive an associate degree for transfer and all courses in the major must be completed with a C or better. Students earning an associate degree for transfer will not be required to complete any other local graduation requirements.

## Required Courses

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
<b>Core Courses</b>		
POLI 1	Introduction to American Government and Politics	3
or POLI 1H	Introduction to American Government and Politics - Honors	

### List A

Choose three courses from the following: 9-10

- MATH 110 Elementary Statistics  
 or MATH 110H Elementary Statistics - Honors  
 or PSYC 10 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences

- POLI 2 Comparative Politics  
 POLI 5 Political Theory I - Ancient to Contemporary  
 POLI 9 International Relations

### List B

Choose two courses from the following or any course not selected in List A: 6

- ANTH 5 Cultural Anthropology  
 BUSC 1A Principles of Economics - Macroeconomics  
 or BUSC 1AH Principles of Economics - Macroeconomics - Honors  
 GEOG 2 Human Geography  
 or GEOG 2H Human Geography - Honors  
 GEOG 5 World Regional Geography  
 GEOG 30 Geography of California  
 or GEOG 30H Geography of California - Honors  
 HIST 1 History of the United States  
 HIST 4 World History: Early Modern to the Present  
 or HIST 4H World History: Early Modern to the Present - Honors  
 HIST 7 History of the United States to 1877  
 or HIST 7H History of the United States to 1877 - Honors  
 HIST 8 History of the United States from 1865

or HIST 8H	History of the United States from 1865 - Honors	
POLI 7	Political Theory II - Early Modern to Contemporary	
POLI 10	Environmental Politics	
POLI 25	Latino Politics in the United States	
POLI 35	African American Politics	
PSYC 1A	Introduction to Psychology	
or PSYC 1AH	Introduction to Psychology - Honors	
SOC 1	Introduction to Sociology	
or SOC 1H	Introduction to Sociology - Honors	
<b>Total Units for Major</b>		18-19
<b>CSU General Education or IGETC Pattern</b> <sup>1</sup>		39-42
<b>Total Units</b>		60

<sup>1</sup> Courses may be double-counted with either CSU-GE or IGETC.

(<http://www.mtsac.edu/instruction>)

## Program Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of this program, a student will be able to:

- Explain political institutions and processes of the United States government.
- Identify research and statistical methods appropriate to Political Science.
- Compare and contrast major theoretical perspectives in Political Science.
- Analyze the relationships between governments globally.
- Compare and contrast the institutions and processes of governments around the world.

Review [Student Learning Outcomes \(SLOs\)](#) for this program.