

# POLITICAL SCIENCE (AA-T DEGREE A0345)

## Humanities and Social Sciences Division

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	
<b>List A</b>		
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	
<b>List B</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>		<b>18-19</b>
<b>CSU General Education or IGETC Pattern <sup>1</sup></b>		<b>39-42</b>
Total Units		60

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

Guided Pathways of Study Suggested Course Sequence (<https://www.mtsac.edu/guided-pathways/pathway-results.html?pthwyvar=A0345&desc=Political+Science%2C+AA-T+%28CSU%29+A0345&status=online>)

## 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.