

# POLITICAL SCIENCE (AA-T)

## ASSOCIATE IN ARTS FOR TRANSFER (AA-T)

The goal of the program is to introduce students to the major fields of study in political science as well as the theoretical and practical aspects of government and politics. A major in political science is of benefit to students seeking careers in law, journalism, foreign affairs, economics, business, public relations, and public administration. The program includes the study of American Politics (principles, institutions, and policies) and, depending upon the student's chosen course of study, may also include Comparative Politics (institutional structures, processes, and political cultures), International Relations (structure and operation of the international system), and/or Political Philosophy (ideas about human nature, power, justice, and the state). Completion of the degree indicates that the student will have satisfied the lower division requirements for a seamless transfer into the California State University system for political science majors.

## Program Student Learning Outcomes

- Students describe a common set of core topics including major political systems, political behavior, political violence, political culture, and political legitimacy.
- Students describe the scope of the political science discipline in terms of its major sub-fields.
- Students explain relations between nations, political philosophies, and ethical dimensions of government.
- Students identify crucial facts, historical events, and structures of political institutions.

## Program Requirements

Code Number	Course Title	Units
<b>Required Core</b>		
POL 101	American Political Institutions	3.0
<b>List A</b>		
Select three of the following:		9.0-10.5
POL 201	Introduction to Political Science and American Government (3)	
POL 210	International Relations (3)	
POL 220	Comparative Government (3)	
POL 240	Introduction to Political Theory (3)	
PSYC 210	Elementary Statistics (4-4.5)	
or MATH 112	Elementary Statistics	
or MATH 112S	Enhanced Elementary Statistics	
<b>List B</b>		
Select two of the following:		6.0
Any course(s) from List A not already used		
POL 230	Contemporary Political Issues: Middle East (3)	
POL 250	Understanding the United Nations: Theory and Practice (3) <sup>1</sup>	
POL 280	Race, Gender and Sexual Identity in American Politics (3)	
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>18-19.5</b>

<sup>1</sup> POL 250 Understanding the United Nations: Theory and Practice may be applied to the degree only once

## ASSOCIATE IN ARTS FOR TRANSFER DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of degree-applicable courses,
- Minimum overall grade point average of 2.0,
- Minimum grade of "C" (or "P") for each course in the major, and
- Completion of IGETC and/or CSU GE-Breadth.