**Political Science**

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**Transfer:**  
A.A.-T in Political Science for Transfer  
(31798 AA.PS.OPTBAAT or 31798 AA.PS.OPTCAAT)  
(using General Education Requirements Option B or C)

See also:  
A.A. in Liberal Arts - Social & Behavioral Science Emphasis

**Non-Transfer:**  
None

See:  
A.A. in Social/Behavioral Sciences

**Certificate(s)**  
None

**Employment Concentration Certificate(s)**  
None

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**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Political Science is the study of politics that examines the relationship of citizens to government, the interaction of different governments, and the acquisition and use of political power. Those who major in political science at a four year university or college might work for a government agency, run for political office, manage a political campaign, go to law school, or teach.

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**Transfer Opportunities**

**Transfer Degree**  
For BA/BS careers, please see your transfer institution.

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**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- Analyze and critique current political topics and issues.
- Analyze and evaluate the behavior of political institutions, organizations, and individuals.
- Evaluate the validity of their political opinions and the opinions of others.
- Engage in political participation, including but not limited to, participation in community and political organizations.

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**Degree**

An Associate in Arts degree in Political Science for Transfer will fulfill the requirements for students to transfer to a four-year college or university as a Political Science major.

The major required for an A.A.-T in Political Science for Transfer may be met by:

- Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University.
- The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements.
- A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.
- Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

**A.A.-T in Political Science for Transfer**  
(18-19 units)

**Required Core (3 units)**

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**List A: Select three (9-10 units)**

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**Note:** Every effort has been made to keep program information current. Please use this information as a guide and consult with the chair of the department/program or an MSJC counselor.
List B: Select two (6 units)

- PS-103 Ethnic Politics in America 3 units
- or PS-103H Honors Ethnic Politics in America 3 units
- PS-104 Current Political Issues and Trends 3 units
- or PS-104H Honors Current Political Issues and Trends 3 units
- PS-120 California Government 3 units
- or PS-120H Honors California Government 3 units

Units for Major 18-19

CSU General Education or IGETC Pattern 37-39

Possible double counting 0-12

Transferable Electives (as needed to reach 60 CSU transferable units)

Total Units for A.A.-T Degree 60 units

This Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer degree is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor’s degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. A student completing this degree is guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not a particular campus or major. Students should meet with a counselor to develop an educational plan and receive university admission and transfer requirements.