Instructional Programs

Political Science

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Degree(s)

Transfer:

AA-T in Political Science for Transfer (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

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.

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

Transfer Preparation
MSJC offers a range of course work to prepare students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities. All four-year institutions prescribe their own standards for course evaluation and admissions. Prospective transfer students are advised to research careers, degrees and majors in the Career/Transfer Center, access www.assist.org, review the MSJC catalog and meet with a counselor to expedite their transfer plan.

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.

Degree
Transfer A.A.-T Degree

Political Science
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.

ADT also requires that students must earn a C or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis. A “P” (Pass) grade is acceptable if pass is defined as a grade of C or better.

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.
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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List B: Select two (6 units)

Any course from List A not used above or any of the following courses:

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<td>PS-120</td>
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Units for Major 18-19

CSU General Education or IGETC Pattern 37-39

Possible double counting 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.