

*Political Science: Associate in Arts for Transfer  
CSU*

The major in Political Science aims to provide a foundational understanding of political processes and institutions. The study of political science is of value to ensure that all persons have knowledge of the political systems that govern their lives. A political science degree prepares students for possible career opportunities in a variety of areas including law, government service, education, journalism, and business.

**Please see a Pathways Counselor:** Create an education plan customized to meet your needs. [Contact a Counselor](#)

**Transfer Majors/Award Focus**

- Political Science, A.A.-T CSU, CSUSM, UC

**GE Pattern/Units**

- GE Pattern: Option B
- Total Units: 60



**Program maps** indicate the major coursework and recommended general education courses to fulfill your degree in 2 years (approximately 15 units/semester or 30 units/year). If you are a part-time student, start Semester 1 courses and follow the course sequence. Some of the courses listed may be substituted by another course. Please view these options in the official course [catalog](#).

**Semester 1**

**16 Units**

✓	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL-101	College Composition	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	MATH-140 or PSYC-121	Introduction to Statistics or Statistics for Behavioral Sciences	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ART-100 or MUS-100	Art Appreciation or Introduction and Appreciation of Music	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PSYC-101	Introduction to Psychology	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PS-101	Introduction to American Government and Politics	3

**Semester 2**

**15 Units**

✓	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL-103 or PHIL-112	Critical Thinking and Writing or Critical Thinking and Composition	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM-100	Public Speaking	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	HIST-111 or HIST-112	U.S. History to 1877 or U.S. History Since 1865	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	LIT-106	Introduction to Literature (formerly ENGL-106)	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PS-102	Comparative Politics and Government	3

**Career Options**

- Attorney (D)
- Pol Sci Teacher Postsecondary (B, M+)
- Pol Scientist (B, M+)
- Paralegal (C)

Find more careers: [msjc.emsicc.com](http://msjc.emsicc.com)

Required Education: SM: some college; C: Certificate; A: Associate, B: Bachelor's, M: Master's; D: Doctorate

**Financial Aid**



Financial aid is determined by the number of credit hours you take in a semester. Maximize your financial aid by taking 12-15 units per semester.

**Semester 3****16 Units**

✓	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	PS-105	Introduction to Political Theory	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PS-103	Ethnic Politics in America	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENVS-101	Environmental Science	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHIL-101 or COMM-104	Introduction to Philosophy I or Argumentation and Debate	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	HIST-101	Western Civilization to 1650	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENVS-102	Environmental Science Laboratory	1

**Semester 4****13 Units**

✓	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	PS-120	California Government	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PS-106	Introduction to International Relations	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ANTH-101	Physical Anthropology	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	SPAN-101 or FREN-101 or ASL-100	Elementary Spanish I or Elementary French I or American Sign Language I	4

**Notes:**

**Language Requirement:** Some CSU's require the equivalency of an intermediate language proficiency for graduation. Please see a counselor for more detail regarding specific CSU major and graduation requirements.

**Work Experience**

Sign up for a special project or internship opportunity. Gain [work experience](#) and earn credits.