

Political Science: Associate in Arts for Transfer
CSUSM

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: Transfer degrees require a minimum of 60 semester CSU transferable units or UC semester transferable units with a minimum 2.0 GPA overall. [Contact a Counselor](#) to create an education plan customized to meet your needs.

Transfer Majors/Award Focus

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


GE Pattern/Units

- GE Pattern: Option B
- Total Units: 62

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"/>	PS-101	Introduction to American Government and Politics	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM-100	Public Speaking	3

Semester 2

16 Units

	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHIL-112	Critical Thinking and Composition	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PSYC-101	Introduction to Psychology	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	HIST-111 or HIST-112	U.S. History to 1877 or U.S. History Since 1865	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
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM-104	Argumentation and Debate	3

Career Options

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

14 Units

	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	PS-102	Comparative Politics and Government	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PS-105	Introduction to Political Theory	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENVS-101	Environmental Science	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	SPAN-102 or FREN-102 or ASL-101	Elementary Spanish II or Elementary French II or American Sign Language II	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENVS-102	Environmental Science Laboratory	1

Semester 4

16 Units

	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	PS-103/ETHS-103	Ethnic Politics in America	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PS-120	California Government	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ANTH-101	Biological Anthropology	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	SPAN-201 or FREN-201 or ASL-201	Intermediate Spanish I or Intermediate French I or American Sign Language III	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	PS-106	Introduction to International Relations	3

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. [CSUSM Grad Requirements: Language](#)

Work Experience

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