

*Political Science: Associate in Arts for Transfer*  
*UC*

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 C
- 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	Art Appreciation	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"/>	ENGL-103	Critical Thinking and Writing	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PS-120	California Government	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"/>	PHIL-101	Introduction to Philosophy I	3

**Career Options**

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

Paralegal (C)

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

15 Units

 COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON-202	Principles of Microeconomics	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PS-102	Comparative Politics and Government	3
<input type="checkbox"/> HIST-101	Western Civilization to 1650	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ENVS-101	Environmental Science	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PS-105	Introduction to Political Theory	3

#### Semester 4

13 Units

 COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/> ETHS-103/PS-103	Ethnic Politics in America	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PS-106	Introduction to International Relations	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH-111	Biological Anthropology Lab	1
<input type="checkbox"/> ANTH-101	Biological Anthropology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> COMM-104	Argumentation and Debate	3

### Notes:

**Language Requirement:** For students who did not meet the LOTE requirement in high school, they may fulfill Area 6 by demonstrating proficiency by completing ASL-100 American Sign Language I, FREN-101 Elementary French I or SPAN-101 Elementary Spanish I with a grade C or better. Languages other than English for Native Speakers are also acceptable for meeting this requirement.

Although not an IGETC requirement, MSJC may certify completion of the CSU graduation requirement in U.S. History, Constitution and American Ideals with PS-101/101H and HIST-111/111H or HIST-112/112H. Courses used to meet this requirement may also be used to satisfy IGETC Subject Area 4 requirements.

### Work Experience

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