***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](https://www.msjc.edu/hub/) 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](https://catalog.msjc.edu/instructional-programs/).

***Semester 1 16 Units***

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| a | COURSE | TITLE | UNIT |
| c | ENGL-101 | College Composition | 4 |
| c | MATH-140 or  PSYC-121 | Introduction to Statistics or  Statistics for Behavioral Sciences | 3 |
| c | ART-100 or  MUS-100 | Art Appreciation or  Introduction and Appreciation of Music | 3 |
| c | PS-101 | Introduction to American Government and Politics | 3 |
| c | COMM-100 | Public Speaking | 3 |

***Semester 2 16 Units***

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| a | COURSE | TITLE | UNIT |
| c | PHIL-112 | Critical Thinking and Composition | 3 |
| c | PSYC-101 | Introduction to Psychology | 3 |
| c | HIST-111 or  HIST-112 | U.S. History to 1877 or  U.S. History Since 1865 | 3 |
| c | SPAN-101 or FREN-101 or  ASL-100 | Elementary Spanish I or  Elementary French I or  American Sign Language I | 4 |
| c | 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](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*** ***14 Units***

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| a | COURSE | TITLE | UNIT |
| c | PS-102 | Comparative Politics and Government | 3 |
| c | PS-105 | Introduction to Political Theory | 3 |
| c | ENVS-101 | Environmental Science | 3 |
| c | SPAN-102 or FREN-102 or  ASL-101 | Elementary Spanish II or  Elementary French II or  American Sign Language II | 4 |
| c | ENVS-102 | Environmental Science Laboratory | 1 |

***Semester 4 16 Units***

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| a | COURSE | TITLE | UNIT |
| c | PS-103/ETHS-103 | Ethnic Politics in America | 3 |
| c | PS-120 | California Government | 3 |
| c | ANTH-101 | Biological Anthropology | 3 |
| c | SPAN-201 or FREN-201 or  ASL-201 | Intermediate Spanish I or  Intermediate French I or  American Sign Language III | 4 |
| c | 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](https://www.csusm.edu/academicadvising/gradrequirements/language/index.html)

Work Experience

Sign up for a special project or internship opportunity. Gain [work experience](https://msjc.edu/careereducation/cwee/index.html) and earn credits.