

# POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATE IN ARTS FOR TRANSFER DEGREE

Political Science is the academic discipline that investigates the institutions and processes by which human societies are ruled. Political scientists use the techniques of empirical research and historical analysis, along with normative consideration of the ends of political action, to explore the outcomes of various governmental arrangements and alternatives. The study of political science will prepare students for careers in law, politics, governmental service, social science teaching, and journalism, as well as for active participation in the political system of the United States.

The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) or the Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing these degrees (AA-T or AS-T) are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major.

To earn a Political Science AA-T degree, students must meet the following requirements:

- completion of the following major requirements with a minimum grade of "C" (or "P");
- completion of a minimum of 60 CSU transferable semester units with a grade point average of at least 2.0; and
- certified completion of the CSU General Education-Breadth (CSUGE) or Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) for CSU, which requires a minimum of 37-39 units.

It is highly recommended that students complete courses that satisfy the U.S. History, Constitution, and American Ideals requirement as part of CSUGE or IGETC before transferring to a CSU.

Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution and major in political science should consult with a counselor regarding the transfer process and lower division requirements.

Code	Title	Units
<b>Required Courses:</b>		
POLIT 100	American Politics	3
<b>List A - Three courses from the following:</b>		
POLIT 141 or POLIT 141H	Introduction to World Politics Introduction to World Politics - Honors	3
POLIT 110 or POLIT 110H	Introduction to Political Theory Introduction to Political Theory - Honors	3
POLIT 140	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
ECON 208 or MATH 108 or PSYCH 105	Business and Economic Statistics Introduction to Probability and Statistics Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	4
<b>List B - Two courses from the following:</b>		
ANTHRO 102 or ANTHRO 102H	Cultural Anthropology Cultural Anthropology - Honors	3
COMMST 135	Mass Media and Society	3
ECON 100	Introduction to Economics	3
ECON 200 or ECON 200H	Principles of Macroeconomics Principles of Macroeconomics - Honors	3

ECON 201 or ECON 201H	Principles of Microeconomics Principles of Microeconomics - Honors	3
HIST 100 or HIST 100H	United States History to 1877 United States History to 1877 - Honors	3
HIST 101 or HIST 101H	United States History: 1865 to Present United States History: 1865 to Present - Honors	3
HIST 137 or ETHS 137	Experiences of Racial and Ethnic Groups in U.S. History Experiences of Racial and Ethnic Groups in U.S. History	3
HIST 150	Introduction to Latin American History	3
HIST 170	World History to 1500	3
HIST 171	World History Since 1500	3
POLIT 138 or POLIT 138H	Service Learning: Student Leadership Service Learning: Student Leadership - Honors	3
POLIT 139 or POLIT 139H	Service Learning: Community Leadership Service Learning: Community Leadership - Honors	3
POLIT 150	Introduction to Public Policy	3
PSYCH 100 or PSYCH 100H	General Psychology General Psychology - Honors	3
RELIG 135	Religion in America	3
SOC 100 or SOC 100H	Introduction to Sociology Introduction to Sociology - Honors	3

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<b>Major Total</b>		<b>18-19</b>
<b>Total Units That May Be Double Counted</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>General Education (CSU-GE or IGETC) Units</b>		<b>37-39</b>
<b>Elective (CSU Transferable) Units</b>		<b>14-17</b>
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>60</b>

See Section on Degree, Certificate, and Transfer Information for additional information on the Associate Degrees for Transfer.

To earn an SBVC Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T or AS-T) students must complete one of the following general education patterns:

CSU GE requirements (<https://www.valleycollege.edu/student-services/counseling/csuge/>)

IGETC requirements (<https://www.valleycollege.edu/student-services/counseling/igetc/>)

## Program Learning Outcomes

At the completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the domestic governmental institutions and political practices of the United States – at the national, state, and local levels – including their Constitutional bases; the special functions of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches and their associated bureaucratic and regulatory agencies; and the activities of leading participants in the political process including organized special interest groups, political parties, and grass-roots activists.
- Demonstrate a keen awareness of the world beyond our national borders and know the principal players in world politics—state actors (countries) and non-state actors such as international governmental organizations (IGOs) and international

non-governmental organizations (INGOs), and their respective role in creating world order; employ the principle of levels of analysis to explain a major development in world politics such as the outbreak of war or a complex foreign policy decision; understand the principal parameters around which to compare different political systems; have an understanding of how different historical and cultural forces end up creating different regimes—authoritarian regimes or democratic regimes; and have a general knowledge of the fundamental components of political economy—public goods, taxation, regulations, trade policies, employment, and money supply.

- c. Demonstrate an understanding of the practical skills needed for employment, or other participation, in governmental and political contexts.