

POLITICAL SCIENCE, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS FOR TRANSFER

The discipline of Political Science is the study of how people are governed and how they govern themselves. It examines the process by which scarce resources are allocated to an expanding population with ever-increasing demands. The discipline looks at American politics as an experience in “self-government” and highlights how our system is different from the political systems developed by other countries. The study of Political Science also includes the examination of how diversity impacts American government. The discipline also seeks to understand how nations deal with each other, what kinds of issues are likely to separate them and how they resolve international conflict. Political Science courses help prepare students for a variety of careers, such as pre-law and various careers in government and non-government settings at the federal, state or local levels.

The Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer (AA-T) is intended for students who plan to transfer and complete a bachelor’s degree in Political Science, or a “similar” major at a CSU campus. Each CSU campus determines which of the degrees it offers are “similar” and can be completed with the preparation included in the AA-T in Political Science within 60 units once a student transfers, so which majors are “similar” varies from CSU to CSU. For a current list of what majors (and what options or areas of emphasis within that major) have been designated as “similar” to this degree at each CSU campus, please refer to the CSU’s Associate Degree for Transfer Major and Campus Search (<https://www.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/Pages/associate-degree-for-transfer-major-and-campus-search.aspx>) website and seek guidance from a Moorpark College counselor. Students completing this degree are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major.

To earn an AA-T in Political Science degree, students must:

- Complete 60 semester or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following.
 - The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education-Breadth (CSU GE-Breadth) requirements
 - The coursework required for the Political Science major as listed in the Moorpark College catalog.
- Obtain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some transfer institutions and majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information.
- Obtain a grade of “C” or better or “P” in all courses required in the major. Even though a “pass-no-pass” is allowed (Title 5 §55063), it is highly recommended that students complete their major courses with a letter grade (A, B, or C).
- Complete requirements in residency. For students in the Ventura County Community College District, a minimum of 12 units must be completed in residence at the college granting the degree.

Students transferring to a CSU campus that accepts the AA-T in Political Science (unless the major is a designated “high-unit” major at a particular campus). This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to a university or college

that is not part of the CSU system. Students should consult with a counselor to obtain more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

Course ID	Title	Units/ Hours
REQUIRED CORE: Select and complete 3 courses (9 units)		
POLS M02	Comparative Politics	3
POLS M03	American Government and Politics	3
or POLS M03H	Honors: American Government and Politics	
POLS M04	International Relations	3
POLS M06	Introduction to Political Theory	3
LIST A: Select and complete two courses (6-7 units), with a maximum of one course in Option 2 (6 units)		
Option 1		
Any course not selected from REQUIRED CORE		
POLS M01	Introduction to Politics	3
POLS M05	National, State and Local Politics	3
Option 2		
MATH M15	Introductory Statistics	4
or MATH M15H	Honors: Introductory Statistics	
POLS M09	Introduction to Political Science Research Methods	3
SOC/PSY M125	Statistics for the Behavioral and Social Sciences	3
LIST B: Select and complete one course (3 units)		
Any course not selected above		
ANTH M02	Cultural Anthropology	3
CJ M02	Concepts of Criminal Law	3
ECON M201	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECON M202	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
or ECON M202H	Honors: Principles of Macroeconomics	
GEOG M02	Cultural Geography	3
HIST M130	United States History Through Reconstruction	3
HIST M135	Native American History and Culture	3
HIST M137	History of American Women	3
or HIST M137H	Honors: History of American Women	
HIST M140	United States History 1865 to the Present	3
HIST M143	History of California	3
HIST M150	World History: From Prehistory to 1500	3
HIST M152	History of Asia from Prehistory to 1600	3
HIST M160	World History: From 1450 to the Present	3
HIST M164	History of Latin America	3
HIST M170	Western Civilization: From Prehistory to 1600	3
HIST M180	Western Civilization: From 1600 To The Present	3
NTS M07	Cultural Foods	3
PHIL M02	Introduction to Ethics	3
or PHIL M02H	Honors: Introduction to Ethics	
SOC M130	Introduction to Marriage and Family	3
SOC M150	Introduction to Race and Ethnicity	3
Total Required Major Units		18-19

CSU GE-Breadth	39
Double-Counted Units	9-15
Electives to meet 60 CSU units	11-18
IGETC Pattern*	37
*IGETC Area 1C (Oral Communication) is required for all CSU applicants. Students applying to a UC or private school may earn this ADT without IGETC Area 1C but will be ineligible to apply to a CSU.	
Double-Counted Units	9-15
Electives to meet 60 CSU Units	13-20
Total Units Required for the AA-T Degree	60

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- demonstrate an understanding of the perspectives, theories, methods and core concepts of political science as a social science.
- analyze the structures, institutions, and processes of government.
- apply primary theories to analyze politics and governance at home and abroad.