

POLITICAL SCIENCE, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS FOR TRANSFER

**Program was changed after publication of catalog. Please see addendum (<http://catalog.vcccd.edu/oxnard/addendum/>) for details.*

The Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer (Political Science AA-T) is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a "similar" major at a CSU campus. 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 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>) webpage and seek guidance from an Oxnard College counselor. Students completing this degree are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular CSU campus or major of their choice.

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

1. Complete a minimum of **60** CSU-transferable semester units including both of the following:
 - a. Certified completion of the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education – Breadth (CSU GE-Breadth) requirements.
 - b. A minimum of **18** semester units in the Political Science major as listed in the Oxnard College catalog.
2. Obtain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of **2.0** in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information.
3. 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.
4. 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 Political Science AA-T will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree (unless the major is designated as a "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 when planning to complete the degree for more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

Course ID	Title	Units/ Hours
Required Core Courses		3
POLS R101	Government of the United States I: Institutions and Politics	
List A - Complete three of the following courses:		9
POLS R120	Political Theory	
POLS R108	Comparative Politics	
POLS R104	Introduction to International Relations	

POLS R100	Introduction to Politics	
List B - Complete two of the following courses:		6-7
Any course from List A not already selected		
SOC R125	Statistics for the Behavioral and Social Sciences	
or MATH R105	Introductory Statistics	
or MATH R105H	Honors: Introductory Statistics	
or PSY R103	Beginning Statistics for Behavioral Science	
ANTH R102	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
or ANTH R102H	Honors: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH R105	Sex, Gender and Culture	
ANTH R110	People of the World: The Cultures of Globalization and Change	
CHST R108	Sociology of the Chicano Community	
or SOC R108	Sociology of the Chicano Community	
ECON R100	Introduction to Economics and Contemporary Economics Issues	
ECON R201	Introduction to the Principles of Microeconomics	
or ECON R201H	Honors: Introduction to the Principles of Microeconomics	
ECON R202	Introduction to the Principles of Macroeconomics	
or ECON R202H	Honors: Introduction to the Principles of Macroeconomics	
HIST R130	History of the United States I	
or HIST R130H	Honors: History of the United States I	
HIST R140	History of the United States II	
or HIST R140H	Honors: History of the United States II	
HIST R150	World History I	
or HIST R150H	Honors: World History I	
HIST R160	World History II	
or HIST R160H	Honors: World History II	
HIST R109	History of Mexico	
HIST R117	History of American Women	
HIST R125	U.S. Foreign Policy and Covert Action	
or HIST R125H	Honors: U.S. Foreign Policy and Covert Action	
POLS R102	Introduction to Law and Society	
POLS R125	U.S. Foreign Policy and Covert Action	
or POLS R125H	Honors: U.S. Foreign Policy and Covert Action	
SOC R101	Introduction to Sociology	
or SOC R101H	Honors: Introduction to Sociology	
SOC R102	Social Problems	
SOC R104	Sex Roles	
or PSY R107	Sex Roles	
or SOC R140	Sociology of Gender	
Total Required Major Units		18-19
CSU GE-Breadth		39
Double-Counted Units		- 6-12
Free Electives Required		9-15
Total Units Required for AA-T Degree		60
OR		
Total Required Major Units		18-19

IGETC	37
Double-Counted Units	- 6-12
Free Electives Required	11-17
Total Units Required for AA-T Degree	60

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

- Students should demonstrate knowledge and theories relevant to global politics and policies. This includes knowledge of Western and non-Western political systems, processes, values and models of politics and patterns of interaction among them. Students should demonstrate an understanding and respect for economic, socio-cultural, political and environmental interaction of global life.
- Students should demonstrate a knowledge and awareness of contemporary issues, political institutions, and problems in the community and their historical contexts. Students should demonstrate an understanding of the importance of community involvement and leadership.
- Students should demonstrate increasingly sophisticated skills in reading sources critically. Students should be able to research, evaluate and analyze the field of Political Science and relate ideas to other fields as well.
- Students should demonstrate an understanding of the mechanics of writing in Political Science, and demonstrate proficiency in spelling, grammar and sentence structure. This includes stylistic considerations such as formatting and source documentation. Students should also demonstrate the ability to communicate ideas (oral) effectively.
- Students should demonstrate an in-depth understanding and knowledge of the political institutions through which public policies are formulated, modified, and implemented.
- Students should demonstrate a working knowledge of research in political science, and identify research questions, hypotheses and analyze critique and integrate source materials.