

LAW, PUBLIC POLICY, AND SOCIETY, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS FOR TRANSFER

The Associate in Arts in Law, Public Policy, and Society for Transfer provides students with preparation for bachelor degree studies in American Studies, Communications, Criminal Justice, Criminology, Global Intelligence and National Security, International Relations, Philosophy, Political Science, Social and Behavioral Sciences (Political Economy Concentration) or a major that is deemed similar at a particular CSU campus. Each CSU campus determines which of its degrees are “similar” to the Associate in Arts in Law, Public Policy, and Society for Transfer. For a current list of the majors (and the options, areas of emphasis, or concentration within those majors) that 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. Students are also strongly encouraged to obtain guidance from a Ventura College counselor or the University Transfer Center. Students completing this degree are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major.

CSU campuses recognizing the Associate in Arts in Law, Public Policy, and Society for Transfer as similar to their Pre-Law bachelor’s degree are:

- Northridge: Political Science with an option in Law and Society
- Sonoma: Philosophy with Pre-Law and Ethics concentration
- Chico: Political Science with a Legal Studies emphasis

CSU campuses accepting the Associate in Arts in Law, Public Policy, and Society for Transfer as similar to their Public Administration degree are San Diego, Chico, and Fullerton.

Students transferring to a CSU campus that accepts the Associate in Arts in Law, Public Policy, and Society for Transfer will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor’s degree (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. Many of the courses present in the Pathway to Law School Certificate of Achievement (COA) are also options for the completion of the Associate in Arts in Law, Public Policy, and Society for Transfer. Students should consult with a counselor when planning to complete the degree for more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

To earn an Associate in Arts in Law, Public Policy, and Society for Transfer at Ventura College, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Complete 60 semester units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:
 - a. The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC for CSU) or the California State University General Educational-Breadth (CSU GE-Breadth) requirements.
 - b. A minimum of 18 semester units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the Ventura County Community College District.
2. Obtain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum GPA 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.

3. Obtain a grade of “C” or better, or “P” in all courses required in the major or area of emphasis. Even though a “P” grade is allowed (Title 5, Section 55062), it is recommended that students complete their major courses with a letter grade (“A,” “B,” or “C”) due to unit limitations on “P/NP” courses.
4. Complete requirements in residency. For students in the Ventura County Community College District, a minimum of 12 units must be completed in residence within the college district.

Course ID	Title	Units/ Hours
Required Core: Select one course from each Section (26 units)		
A course may only be applied once to satisfy Core requirements		
Section 1. Understanding the Law		
BUS V33	Business Law	3
CJ V01	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ V02	Concepts of Criminal Law	3
CJ V05	Criminal Procedures	3
POLS V17	Introduction to American Law	3
Section 2. Ethics		
PHIL V02	Introduction to Ethics	3
Section 3. Oral Communication		
COMM V01	Introduction to Speech Communication	3
COMM V03	Group Communication	3
COMM V10	Critical Thinking in Oral Communication: Argumentation and Debate	3
Section 4. Written Communication		
ENGL V01A	English Composition	4
Section 5. Critical Thinking		
COMM V10	Critical Thinking in Oral Communication: Argumentation and Debate	3
ENGL V01C	Critical Thinking and Writing	3
PHIL V04	Introduction to Logic	3
Section 6. Quantitative Reasoning		
MATH V44	Elementary Statistics	4
PSY V04	Introductory Statistics for the Social and Behavioral Sciences	4
Section 7. United States History		
HIST V46	United States History to 1877	3
HIST V56	United States History since 1865	3
Section 8. American Government		
POLS V01	American Government	3
Total Required Core Units		26
List A: Select two courses (not used above) from two Areas (6 units)		
Area 1. Criminal Justice		
CJ V01	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ V02	Concepts of Criminal Law	3
CJ V03	Community Relations and Diversity	3
CJ V04	Legal Aspects of Evidence	3
CJ V05	Criminal Procedures	3
CJ V14	Juvenile Law and Procedures in California	3
CJ V25	Introduction to Corrections	3

SOC V13	Sociology of Deviance, Crime, and Society	3
Area 2. Business		
BUS V33	Business Law	3
Area 3. Economics		
ECON V01A	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON V01B	Principles of Microeconomics	3
Area 4. Political Science		
POLS V02	Comparative Government	3
POLS V03	Introduction to Political Science	3
POLS V04	Introduction to Political Theory	3
POLS V05	Introduction to International Relations	3
Area 5. Public Policy		
HED V22	Health and Social Justice	3
HED V24	Drugs, Health, and Society	3
POLS V14	Global Studies	3
SOC V02	Social Problems	3
Area 6. Diversity		
ANTH V02	Cultural Anthropology	3
COMM V12	Intercultural Communication	3
ETHS V01	Introduction to Ethnic Studies	3
ETHS V02	History of Racism in the United States	3
GEOG V02	Introduction to Human Geography	3
HIST V50	United States History: Focus on Asian Americans	3
HIST V51	United States History: Focus on African Americans Since Reconstruction	3
HIST V55	United States History: Focus on Native Americans Since the Civil War	3
SOC V03	Racial and Ethnic Group Relations	3
SOC V04	Sociology of Gender Roles	3
Total List A Units		6

Total Required Major Units		32

CSU GE-Breadth Pattern		
Required Major Units		32
CSU GE-Breadth Units		39
Double-Counted Units		(21-27)
Elective (CSU Transferable) Units to reach 60		10-16
Total Units for the Associate Degree for Transfer		60

IGETC Pattern		
Required Major Units		32
IGETC Pattern Units		37
Double-Counted Units		(18-24)
Elective (CSU Transferable) Units to reach 60		9-15
Total Units for the Associate Degree for Transfer		60

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

- Describe the American legal system including its development, structure, and history.
- Articulate their views on legal and political issues.
- Evaluate diverse viewpoints.

- Demonstrate a working knowledge of research methods and identify research questions, hypothesize and analyze, critique, and integrate source materials.