

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree (AA-T)

Students who successfully complete the AA-T in Political Science earn specific guarantees for transfer to the CSU system: admission to a CSU with junior status and priority admission to a CSU campus and to a program or major in Political Science or a similar major. Students transferring to a CSU campus will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree.

Students are required to complete 60 semester units that are eligible for transfer to a California State University, including both of the following: (1) The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education – Breadth Requirements and (2) 18-19 semester units with a grade of C or P or better in the major and an overall minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU transferable coursework. See pages 98–99 for a more detailed description of Associate Degrees for Transfer.

Students are advised to consult with a Berkeley City College Counselor and/or the Social Sciences Department Chair for additional information and to verify transfer requirements.

NOTE: Although it is possible to fulfill the requirements for the Associate Degree for Transfer by completing the IGETC for UC pattern, admission to CSU requires completion of an Oral Communication course (IGETC Area 1C; CSU GE Area A-1); therefore, students who plan to transfer to CSU should complete this course as part of their GE or elective units.

| Required Course | | Units |
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| POSCI 1 | Government and Politics in the United States | 3 |
| List A—Select 9–10 units from the following: | | |
| POSCI 2 | Introduction to Comparative Government | 3 |
| POSCI 3 | Introduction to International Relations | 3 |
| POSCI 4 | Introduction to Political Theory | 3 |
| MATH 13 | Introduction to Statistics | 4 |
| List B—Select 6 units from the following: | | |
| POSCI 6 | The U.S. Constitution and Criminal Due Process | 3 |
| POSCI 20 | Global Issues | 3 |
| SOC 1 | Introduction to Sociology | 3 |
| SOC 5 | Minority Groups | 3 |
| | Total Required in Major | 18–19 |
| | General Education (IGETC or CSU GE) and Electives | 41–42 |
| | Total Units | 60 |

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Recommended Two-Year Course Sequence Beginning in the Fall Semester

You can use the following pattern to complete an Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer degree. This is only one possible pattern. If you wish to earn an associate degree, you must participate in the Student Success Program (Matriculation), which includes assessing academic skills and developing a Student Education Plan (SEP) with a Counselor. This plan will map your sequence of courses to help you complete your degree regardless of the semester you begin classes.

| <i>Course</i> | | <i>Units</i> |
|---------------|--|--------------|
| | 1st Semester/Fall | |
| POSCI 1 | Government and Politics in the United States | 3 |
| | General Education and Electives | 12 |
| | Total Units | 15 |
| | 2nd Semester/Spring | |
| | One course from List A | 4 |
| | One course from List B | 3 |
| | General Education and Electives | 8 |
| | Total Units | 15 |
| | 3rd Semester/Fall | |
| | Two courses from List A | 6 |
| | General Education and Electives | 9 |
| | Total Units | 15 |
| | 4th Semester/Spring | |
| | One course from List B | 3 |
| | General Education and Electives | 12 |
| | Total Units | 15 |

Program Learning Outcomes

Students who complete the program will be able to:

- Define the core concepts of political science (government, regime, state, institutions, sovereignty, constitution, democracy, authoritarianism, and globalization).
- Discuss the constitutional, institutional, cultural and institutional structures that produce and maintain political, social and ethnic inequalities.
- Identify, compare, and contrast the major theoretical perspectives in the discipline.
- Interpret political science research through a working knowledge of qualitative and quantitative research designs.