

## Political Science

**Award Type:** Associate in Arts for Transfer

The associate in arts in political science for transfer program provides quality general education opportunities, which enhance student learning by developing critical thinking skills and increasing student understanding of the institutions and policies of American Government, the importance of ethics in political systems, as well as the role of citizenship in the democratic process. The associate in arts in political science for transfer will prepare students for further studies toward a California State University (CSU) baccalaureate degree in political science. Associate Degree for Transfer Requirements Completion of 60 semester units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including the following: 1. The completion of the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education-Breadth (CSU GE). 2. A minimum of 18 semester units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district. 3. Obtainment of a minimum overall grade point average of 2.0 4. Minimum grade of C, or P grade, for each course in the major. [The following Allan Hancock College graduation requirements will not be required: Health and Wellness, Multicultural Gender Studies and Allan Hancock College General Education.]

**The graduate of the Associate in Arts for Transfer in Political Science will:**

- Explain the key concepts, terms and processes involved in the study of political science
- Analyze and evaluate competing theories within the field of political science
- Compare the different cultural and political values that influence political decisions
- Evaluate the role of individuals and groups in the political process

### Program Requirements

**A major of 18-19 units is required for the degree. Required core courses (3 units):**

| Course Number | Course Title        | Units |
|---------------|---------------------|-------|
| POLS 103      | American Government | 3.0   |

**List A - Select three courses from the following:**

| Course Number | Course Title                            | Units |
|---------------|---|-------|
| MATH 123      | Elementary Statistics                   | 4.0   |
| POLS 101      | Introduction to Political Science       | 3.0   |
| POLS 104      | Introduction to International Relations | 3.0   |
| POLS 105      | Comparative Politics                    | 3.0   |

**List B - Select two courses not selected in List A or from the following:**

| Course Number | Course Title                          | Units |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| AJ 101        | Introduction to Criminal Justice      | 3.0   |
| AJ 103        | Concepts of Criminal Law              | 3.0   |
| ANTH 102      | Introduction to Cultural Anthropology | 3.0   |
| ECON 101      | Principles of Macro-Economics         | 3.0   |
| ECON 102      | Principles of Micro-Economics         | 3.0   |
| ECON 141      | Global Economics                      | 3.0   |
| GEOG 102      | Human Geography                       | 3.0   |
| HIST 101      | World Civilizations to 1600           | 3.0   |
| HIST 102      | World Civilizations Since 1500        | 3.0   |
| HIST 104      | Western Civilizations to 1650         | 3.0   |
| HIST 105      | Western Civilization Since 1650       | 3.0   |
| HIST 118      | United States History                 | 3.0   |
| HIST 119      | History of California                 | 3.0   |
| HIST 120      | Chicano History                       | 3.0   |

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| SOC 101 | Introduction to Sociology       | 3.0 |
| SOC 102 | Social Problems                 | 3.0 |
| SOC 104 | Social Science Research Methods | 3.0 |
| SOC 120 | Race and Ethnic Relations       | 3.0 |

**General Education****Complete one of the following:**

a) CSU General Education Breadth - 39 units

or

b) Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) - 37 units

**Double counting:**

A maximum of 9-15 units may be double counted for the major and CSU GE or IGETC.

**Select additional CSU transferrable units** as needed to achieve 60 units required for the degree: 11-20 units.

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