POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE FOR TRANSFER (AA-T)

PROGRAM CODE: 1A32251
Financial Aide Eligible

The **Political Science Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer** is designed to provide an opportunity for the Political Science major to achieve an Associate in Arts Degree in Political Science for Transfer (AA-T in Political Science) which completes the first and second year requirements for transfer to a four-year public California institution. While at least a baccalaureate degree is recommended preparation for those considering professional careers, completion of this curriculum will demonstrate commitment to the field and provide comprehensive preparation for further academic study through upper-division course work. This curriculum specifically prepares the prospective transfer student for upper division coursework in Political Science or a similar major at a California State University (CSU) campus. Students should consult a counselor, the Transfer Center and the catalog of the transfer college or university to plan a specific program of study to meet the college or university's requirements. Note: Courses that fulfill major requirements for an Associate Degree for Transfer at Cypress College might not be the same as those required for completing the major at all transfer institutions offering a Baccalaureate Degree. The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (Senate Bill 1440, now codified in California Education Code sections 66746-66749) guarantees admission to a California State University (CSU) campus for any community college student who completes an "associate degree for transfer", a newly established variation of the associate degrees traditionally offered at a California community college. The AA-T is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing these degrees (AA-T) are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. Students transferring to a CSU campus that does accept the 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 "high-unit" major). 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. Students successfully completing the AA-T in Political Science will acquire a fundamental knowledge base of Political Science, introducing students to concepts, methods, and knowledge that help them understand and judge politics within and among nations, and possess a basic understanding of areas that have an interdisciplinary association to Political Science. This degree will provide students with an introduction to the field including its applied areas. The intent is to prepare students for further academic study in the field. It will also demonstrate commitment to the field and provide comprehensive preparation for upper division work at the university level. At the baccalaureate level students can continue an education in various areas of Political Science including the following four subfields: Political Theory, American Politics, Comparative Politics, or International Relations. Graduate study is important in Political Science. Those holding a Master's or Doctoral degree may find employment in teaching, business, government, journalism, education, or nonprofit organizations; or it can lead to a PhD program in the social sciences or to professional school in law, business, public policy, or international relations. Those without a graduate degree will find limited career opportunity in direct areas of Political Science. To earn an AA-T in Political Science students must complete the following requirements: (1) a minimum of 18-19 semester units or 27-28.5 quarter units in the Political Science major with a grade of C or better; AP(Pass) grade is an acceptable grade for a course in the major only if the P is defined to be equivalent to a C or better(2) California State University General Education Breadth requirements (CSU GE Breadth) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (CSU IGETC); (3) completion of 60 semester or 90 quarter units of CSU transferable coursework; and (4) have an overall GPA of 2.0. This degree requires a total number of 18-19 units in the major, in addition to general graduation requirements.

Code	Title	Units
Required Core Courses (3 units):		
POSC 100 C	United States Government	3
or POSC 100HC	Honors United States Government	
LIST A - Select three courses from the following (9-10 units):		**9-10**
POSC 120 C	Political Theory	3
POSC 200 C	Intro to Political Science	3
POSC 215 C	Comparative Politics	3
POSC 230 C	International Relations	3
MATH 120 C	Intro Probability Statistics	4
or PSY 161 C	Probability & Stats-Social Sci	
or PSY 161HC	Honors Prob Stats-Soc Sci	
or SOC 161 C	Probability & Stats-Social Sci	
or SOC 161HC	Honors Prob & Stats-Soc Sci	
List B: Select 2 courses (6 units) from the following: (or any Political Science courses not already used from List A)		**6**
ECON 100 C	Principles of Economics-Macro	3
or ECON 100HC	Honors Princ of Econ-Macro	
ECON 105 C	Principles of Economics-Micro	3
or ECON 105HC	Honors Princ of Econ - Micro	
ECON 110 C	Survey of Economics	3
ETHS 101 C	American Ethnic Studies	3
or ETHS 101HC	Honors American Ethnic Studies	
ETHS 129 C	Intro to African Amer Studies	3
ETHS 150 C	Intro to Chicana-o-x Studies	3
ETHS 159 C	Intro to Native Amer Studies	3
ETHS 170 C	Intro to Asian Pac Am Studies	3
GEOG 100 C	World Geography	3
or GEOG 100HC	Honors World Geography	
HIST 110 C	Western Civilizations I	3
or HIST 110HC	Honors Western Civilizations I	
HIST 112 C	World Civilizations I	3
or HIST 112HC	Honors World Civilizations I	
HIST 142 C	History of Latin America I	3
HIST 151 C	Survey of British History I	3
HIST 160 C	Asian Civilizations I	3
HIST 170 C	History of the United States I	3
or HIST 170HC	Honors History of the U.S. I	
HIST 171 C	History of the United States II	3
or HIST 171HC	Honors History of the United States II	
PSY 101 C	Introduction to Psychology	3
or PSY 101HC	Honors Intro to Psychology	

POSC 209 C	Urban Politics	3
POSC 210 C	Contemporary Political Issues	3
POSC 216 C	Politics of the Middle East	3
POSC 250 C	Gender and Politics	3
SOC 101 C	Introduction to Sociology	3
or SOC 101HC	Honors Introduction to Sociology	
SOC 292 C	Introduction to Criminology	3
Total Units		**18-19**

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