



POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Degree(s)

Transfer:

 A.A.-T in Political Science for Transfer 31798 AA.PS.OPTBAAT or 31798 AA.PS.OPTCAAT

(using General Education Requirements Option B or C)

See also:

A.A. in Liberal Arts - Social & Behavioral Science Emphasis

Non-Transfer:

None

See:

A.A. in Social/Behavioral Sciences

Certificate(s)

None

Employment Concentration Certificate(s)

None

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Political Science is the study of politics that examines the relationship of citizens to government, the interaction of different governments, and the acquisition and use of political power. Those who major in political science at a four-year university or college might work for a government agency, run for political office, manage a political campaign, go to law school, or teach.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Transfer Degree

For BA/BS careers, please see your transfer institution.

TRANSFER PREPARATION

MSJC offers a range of course work to prepare students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities. All four-year institutions prescribe their own standards for course evaluation and admissions. Prospective transfer students are advised to research careers, degrees and majors in the Career/Transfer Center, access www.assist.org, review the MSJC catalog and meet with a counselor to expedite their transfer plan.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Analyze and critique current political topics and issues.
- Analyze and evaluate the behavior of political institutions, organizations, and individuals.
- Evaluate the validity of their political opinions and the opinions of others.
- Engage in political participation, including but not limited to, participation in community and political organizations.

DEGREE

Transfer A.A.-T Degree

Political Science

An Associate in Arts degree in Political Science for Transfer will fulfill the requirements for students to transfer to a four-year college or university as a Political Science major.

The major required for an A.A.-T in Political Science for Transfer may be met by:

- Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University.
- The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements.
- A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.
- Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

ADT also requires that students must earn a C or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis. A "P" (Pass) grade is acceptable if pass is defined as a grade of C or better.

A.A.-T in Political Science for Transfer

(18 units)

Required Core (3 units)

PS-101 Introduction to American Government and Politics 3 units

or

PS-101H Honors Introduction to American Government and Politics 3 units

List A: Select three (9 units)

MATH-140 Introduction to Statistics 3 units

or

PSYC-121/ SOCI-121
Statistics for Behavioral Sciences 3 units

PS-102 Comparative Politics and Government 3 units

PS-105 Introduction to Political Theory 3 units

or

PS-105H Honors Introduction to Political Theory 3 units

PS-106 Introduction to International Relations 3 units

or

PS-106H Honors Introduction to International Relations 3 units

List B: Select two (6 units)

Any course from List A not used above or any of the following courses:

PS-103 Ethnic Politics in America 3 units

or

PS-103H Honors Ethnic Politics in America 3 units

PS-104 Current Political Issues and Trends 3 units

or

PS-104H Honors Current Political Issues and Trends 3 units

PS-120 California Government 3 units

or

PS-120H Honors California Government 3 units

Units for Major 18

CSU General Education or IGETC Pattern 37-39

Possible double counting 9

Transferable Electives (as needed to reach 60 CSU transferable units)

Total Units for A.A.-T Degree 60 units

This Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer degree is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. A student completing this degree is guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not a particular campus or major. Students should meet with a counselor to develop an educational plan and receive university admission and transfer requirements.

