



Political Science

Degree

Political Science, Associate of Arts for Transfer

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The Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer degree is designed for students interested in gaining an understanding of the structure and functions in governments. This degree provides a foundation for further study for students planning to transfer into a baccalaureate program in political science. Successful completion of the Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer degree guarantees the student acceptance to a California State University (but not to a particular campus) to pursue a baccalaureate degree in Political Science. This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or 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 and transfer requirements. This degree eliminates the additional Bakersfield College graduation requirements.

Requirements for AA-T or AS-T degrees:

The completion of 60 semester units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:

- The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University – Breadth Requirements.
- A minimum of 18 semester units in a major area of emphasis, as determined by the district.
- The obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.
- The completion of all courses required for the major with a 'C' or better. A 'P' (Pass) grade is not acceptable for courses in the major.

Total Units: 19

Required Core Courses

| Course # | Name | Units |
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| POLS B1 | American Government: National, State and Local | 3.0 |

List A - Select 10 units from the following:

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| POLS B2 | Comparative Government | 3.0 |
| | <i>and</i> | |
| POLS B3 | International Politics | 3.0 |
| | <i>and</i> | |
| MATH B22 | Elementary Probability and Statistics | 4.0 |
| | <i>or</i> | |
| PSYC B5 | Elementary Statistics for the Behavioral and Social Sciences | 4.0 |

List B - Select 6 units from the following:

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| POLS B12 | Contemporary Issues in California State and Local Government | 3.0 |
| POLS B16 | Vital Political Problems | 3.0 |
| HIST B4A | European Civilization | 3.0 |
| HIST B4B | European Civilization | 3.0 |
| HIST B17A | History of the United States | 3.0 |
| HIST B17B | History of the United States since 1870 | 3.0 |
| HIST B18 | History of California | 3.0 |
| ECON B2 | Principles of Macroeconomics | 3.0 |

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion, the student will:

- demonstrate their understanding of the relevance of state and local politics, determining and developing an objective appraisal of major trends in social, economic, and political life.
- evaluate the power relationships between legislative, executive and judicial branches of government.
- compare and contrast the factors that determine the emergence of republican or authoritarian systems of governance.
- evaluate the influence of conflict and cooperation in the international bargaining process.

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| Units in Major | 19.0 |
| CSU GE Breadth | 37.0-39.0 |
| Possible double counting of GE's | 12.0-15.0 |
| Degree Total | 60.0 |