



Social Science

Economics

History

Political Science

This program is designed for students who wish to major in Economics, History, or Political Science for an Associate Degree and/or transfer to a four-year college or university. These majors provide training in the fundamental skills for careers in business, law, journalism, politics, international business, foreign service, government, and education.

For the Associate in Arts Degree, students must comply with the requirements as shown in the catalog under Graduation Requirements. Counselors/advisors will assist the student in planning for an Associate in Arts Degree.

For students wishing to transfer, the current catalog of the chosen college or university should be consulted for specific requirements. The college or university should be contacted to insure the transferability of the courses.

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE PROGRAM

Economics

The major in economics is designed for students interested in preparing for advanced degrees in Economics, Business, Law and for those students concerned with the economic behavior of consumers, businesses, and governments. Economics majors have a wide variety of career opportunities in business, law, journalism, education, politics, finance and banking, government, public and private overseas service, and labor leadership. Many economics majors go on to pursue graduate study in a related professional area, such as law, business, or public administration.

Required Courses: 18 units

Course Number	Title	Units
ECON B1	Principles of Economics-Micro	3.0
ECON B2	Principles of Economics-Macro	3.0
MATH B2	Basic Functions and Calculus for Business	4.0
MATH B22	Elementary Probability and Statistics	5.0
PSYC B6 or COMS B2	Introduction to Behavioral Science Research Introduction to Computer Information Systems	3.0

Electives

Course Number	Title	Units
ENGL B1a	Expository Composition	4.0
PHIL B7	Introduction to Logic	3.0
HIST B17b	History of the U.S. Since 1877	3.0
POLS B1	American Government: National, State and local	3.0
PSYC B1a	General Psychology	3.0
BSAD B1a	Financial Accounting	4.0
BSAD B1b	Managerial Accounting	4.0
SPCH B1	Speech Communication	3.0
MATH B23	Finite Mathematics	3.0

History

The major in history is designed for students interested in gaining an understanding of our political, economic and social past. The major is an important part of the liberal arts program and can serve as preparation for graduate study in education, law, business, government and journalism. While there are few entry level jobs specifically for students with an

Associate in Arts in History, many employers value the writing and thinking skills acquired by History majors.

Bakersfield College offers a wide variety of history courses in addition to those listed below. The student should select courses according to his/her area of specialization as well as the requirements of the college to which he/she plans to transfer. The student should also consult his/her counselor and the appropriate four-year college catalogs in determining an appropriate minor, foreign language requirements, and other requirements.

Required Courses: 18 units

Course Number	Title	Units
HIST B4ab	European Civilization	6.0

AND one of the following:

Course Number	Title	Units
HIST B17ab	History of the U.S.	6.0
HIST B20ab	African American History of the United States	6.0
HIST B30ab	Chicano History	6.0
HIST B2 and HIST B25	World History (3.0) Introduction to Women in American History (3.0)	6.0

AND any two of the following courses:

Course Number	Title	Units
ECON B2	Principles of Economics-Macro	3.0
HIST B18a	History of Early California	3.0
HIST B18b	Modern California	3.0
HIST B36	History of Native Americans	3.0
GEOG B1	Introduction to Geography: Physical Elements	3.0
POLS B1	American Government: National, State and local	3.0
POLS B2	Comparative Government	3.0
POLS B3	International Politics	3.0
SOCI B1	Introduction to Sociology	3.0
HIST B3	20 th Century History	3.0
HIST B33	Latin American History	3.0

Recommended Courses

Course Number	Title	Units
ART B30abcd	Art History	12.0
ENGL B2	Advanced Composition and Critical Thinking	5.0
PHIL B6a	Introduction to Philosophy	3.0
PSYC B1a	General Psychology	3.0
ANTH B2	Cultural Anthropology	3.0

Political Science

The majors in Political Science are designed for students interested in gaining an understanding of the structure and functions of governments. The majors are an important part of the liberal arts program and prepare students for further study and careers in education, law, business, government, international relations and journalism.

The student should select the major emphasis, and courses according to his/her area of specialization as well as the

requirements of the college to which he/she plans to transfer. The student should also consult his/her counselor and the appropriate four-year college catalogs in determining an appropriate minor, foreign language requirements, and other requirements.

Required Courses: 18 units

Course Number	Title	Units
POLS B1	American Government: National, State and local	3.0
POLS B2 or POLS B3	Comparative Government International Politics	3.0
POLS B12 or POLS B16	State and Local Government Vital Political Problems	3.0
HIST B4ab or HIST B17ab or HIST B20ab or HIST B30ab	European Civilization History of the U.S. African American History of the US Chicano History	6.0
ECON B2 or PSYC B5 or MATH B22	Principles of Economics-Macro Elementary Statistics for the Behavioral and Social Sciences (4.0) Elementary Probability and Statistics (5.0)	3.0

Political Science, emphasis in International Relations

Required Courses: 18 units

Course Number	Title	Units
POLS B1	American Government: National, State and local	3.0
POLS B2	Comparative Government	3.0
POLS B3	International Politics	3.0
HIST B4ab	European Civilization	6.0
ECON B2 or PSYC B5 or MATH B22	Principles of Economics-Macro Elementary Statistics for the Behavioral and Social Sciences (4.0) Elementary Probability and Statistics (5.0)	3.0

Political Science, emphasis in Domestic Policy

Required Courses: 18 units

Course Number	Title	Units
POLS B1	American Government: National, State and local	3.0
POLS B12	State and Local Government	3.0
POLS B16	Vital Political Problems	3.0
HIST B17ab	History of the U.S.	6.0
ECON B2 or PSYC B5 or MATH B22	Principles of Economics-Macro Elementary Statistics for the Behavioral and Social Sciences (4.0) Elementary Probability and Statistics (5.0)	3.0

Electives

Course Number	Title	Units
ENGL B2	Advanced Composition and Critical Thinking	5.0
HIST B18b	Modern California	3.0
PSYC B1a	General Psychology	3.0
SOCI B1	Introduction to Sociology	3.0
PSYC B6	Introduction to Behavioral Science Research	3.0

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

The following abbreviations are commonly used in the course descriptions: **lect** lecture; **lab** laboratory; **demo** demonstration; **Repeat** repeatability (see policy on course repetition); **CCS** Course Classification System. Hours given in parentheses are total hours for the course. Hours lecture, lab, etc., are hours required per week usually. **Offered:** F=course is offered fall semester; S=course is offered spring semester; SS=course is offered summer session. If there is no designation, the course is offered irregularly. Check with the department for information. Many classes are offered occasionally during the summer. Check the summer class schedule for additional course listings. Prerequisites are expressed as minimum requirements. (CSU) indicates transferable to California State Universities; (UC) indicates transferable to University of California.

ECONOMICS

ECON B1 Principles of Economics-Micro (3 units)

Principles of economic analysis and decision making from the viewpoint of the individual consumer, worker, and firm. Emphasis on the price system allocation of resources and income, supply and demand analysis, the structure of American industry, and applications to current economic policy and problems. **Recommended:** Eligibility for ENGL B1, Reading Level 5 or 6, MATH BA. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **Offered:** F, S. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges. (CAN ECON 4)

ECON B2 Principles of Economics-Macro (3 units)

Principles of economic analysis and decision making from the viewpoint of the society. Emphasizes national income analysis, unemployment, inflation, economic growth, fiscal and monetary policies, international trade, and applications to current economic policy and problems. **Recommended:** Eligibility for ENGL B1, Reading Level 5 or 6, MATH BA. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **Offered:** F, S. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges. (CAN ECON 2)

HISTORY

Credit limitations may apply. For specific information see a counselor or the transfer institution.

HIST B2 World History (3 units)

Interdisciplinary multimedia approach to the development of our interconnected and interdependent modern world since the 16th Century. Emphasis is on comparative history, world systems, modernization theory, cultural diffusion, and ecologies of core/periphery associations. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **CCS:** Liberal Arts and Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

HIST B3 20th Century History (3 units)

A comparative global history of the 20th century with a special emphasis on the rise of mass society and the role of technology in the modern world. Includes an in-depth

examination of historical evidence and interpretation.

Recommended: Reading Level 5 or 6. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect.

CCS: Liberal Arts and Sciences. **Transferable:** CSU and private colleges.

HIST B4a-B4b European Civilization (3-3 units)

Survey of the growth of western civilization from its origin to the present. Focuses on the integration of political, social, and cultural developments. **Recommended:** Reading Level 5 or 6. **Hours:** (54-54) 3 lect. **Offered:** B4a: F; B4b: S. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges. (HIST B4a = CAN HIST 2)

HIST B17a-B17b History of the United States (3-3 units)

Survey of the political, economic and cultural history of the United States from earliest colonial times to the present. HIST B17a (to 1877) includes a study of the U.S. Constitution and Federal Government. HIST B17b (since 1877) includes a study of the state and local government of California. Satisfies the requirements in U.S. Constitution and American history and institutions. HIST B17a is not a prerequisite for HIST B17b. **Hours:** (54-54) 3 lect. **Offered:** F, S. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges. (HIST B17a = CAN HIST 8; HIST B17b = CAN HIST 10)

HIST B18a History of Early California (3 units)

The political, economic, social and cultural development of California from earliest times to 1870. Includes the Spanish, Mexican, and Early American periods. Satisfies the requirements in U.S. Constitution, American history and institutions. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **Offered:** F, S. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

HIST B18b Modern California (3 units)

Historical environment of modern California. Emphasis on political, economic, social and cultural development. Satisfies the requirements in U.S. Constitution, American history and institutions. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **Offered:** F, S. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

HIST B20a African American History of the United States (3 units)

Survey of the political, economic, and cultural history of the United States from earliest colonial times to reconstruction with emphasis on the role and contributions of African Americans. Includes a study of the U.S. Constitution and federal government. Satisfies the requirements in U.S. Constitution, and American history and institutions. **Recommended:** Eligibility for ENGL B1 and Reading Level 5 or 6. HIST B20a is not a prerequisite for HIST B20b. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

HIST B20b African American History of the United States (3 units)

Survey of the political, economic, and cultural history of the United States from reconstruction to the present with emphasis on the role and contributions of African Americans. Includes a study of the state and local government of California. Satisfies the requirements in U.S. Constitution and American history and institutions. **Recommended:** Eligibility for ENGL B1 and Reading Level 5 or 6. HIST B20a is not a prerequisite for HIST B20b. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

HIST B25 Introduction to Women in American History (3 units)

Survey of the history of women in America from 1620 to 1890. Emphasis on the social, regional, and multicultural distinctions in the role of American women. Includes women's relationships with California's state and local governments. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **CCS:** Liberal Arts and Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

HIST B30a Early Chicano History (3 units)

Survey of the history of the Mexican-American borderlands, from Pre-Columbian times until 1848. Includes the social economic, and political evolution of the region with emphasis on the interrelationships between the histories of the United States and Mexico. Satisfies the requirements in U.S. Constitution, American history, and institutions. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **Offered:** F, S. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges. **Note:** Not open to students who have taken the equivalent course, CHST B30a.

HIST B30b History of Chicanos in the Southwest (3 units)

Survey of the Chicanos and the United States with an emphasis on the development of California and the Southwest from 1848 to the present. Examines the aftermath of the U.S.-Mexican War, 1846-1848; the inter-relationship of Mexican and U.S. history between 1860 and 1910; the effects of the Mexican Revolution of 1910 on the 20th Century experience of Chicanos in the U.S.; and the California State Constitution. Satisfies the requirements in U.S. Constitution, American history, and institutions. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **Offered:** F, S. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges. **Note:** Not open to students who have taken the equivalent course, CHST B30b.

HIST B33 Latin American History (3 units)

Historical survey of the social, economic and political development of Latin America, including the formation of pre-Columbian civilizations through establishment of the Spanish Colonial system to nation building of the modern era. Examines the impact of the United States foreign policy on the development of Latin America. **Recommended:** Eligibility for ENGL B1. Reading Level 5 or 6. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **CCS:** Liberal Arts and Sciences. **Transferable:** CSU and private colleges.

HIST B36 History of Native Americans (3 units)

Survey of the origins, traditions, lifeway and belief systems of the various Native Americans. Emphasis is on the encounter with Anglo American expansion and on the impact of the governmental policies on this indigenous people. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges. **Note:** Offered only occasionally.

POLITICAL SCIENCE**POLS B1 American Government: National, State and local (3 units)**

A study of American government with emphasis on the national government. Includes a comprehensive analysis of governmental structure, functions, principles and problems. Includes analysis of California state and local governments. Satisfies the requirements in U.S. Constitution, American history and institutions and state and local government. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **Offered:** F, S. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges. (CAN GOVT 2)

POLS B2 Comparative Government (3 units)

A comparative analysis of government structures and the underlying economic, social, and cultural systems of the principal nations of the industrial world: United Kingdom, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Russia, and Japan. Additional emphasis on certain nations in sensitive geographic areas or countries whose size and developing economies make them important, such as the People's Republic of China, Brazil, Mexico, Israel, Egypt, India and Nigeria. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **Offered:** F. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

POLS B3 International Politics (3 units)

Surveys the dynamics and ideologies of present-day international politics and rivalries. Development of the national state system and the evolution of the techniques and arts of diplomacy, and the causes of war. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **Offered:** S. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

POLS B5 Current Issues in American Government (1-2 units. Limit 6 units)

Study of special current events, such as elections, impeachment proceedings, or Constitutional revisions. Offered only as such events occur. **Hours:** (18-36) 2 lect. **Repeat:** 3 or until a limit of 6 units is reached. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

POLS B6 Introduction to Behavioral and Social Science Research (3 units)

Emphasizes behavioral and social science research, including research design, data collection and analysis, and the development of basic computer skills. Students will collect and analyze data from experiments, questionnaires, polls and a

variety of methodologies. **Prerequisites:** PSYC B5 or MATH B22, introductory course in Psychology Sociology, Anthropology, Economics or Political Science. **Recommended:** Reading Level 5 or 6. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **CCS:** Liberal Arts and Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges. **Note:** Not open to students who have taken the equivalent courses, PSYC B6 or BEHS B6.

POLS B12 Contemporary Issues in California State and Local Government (3 units)

Analysis of the role of state and local governments, with special emphasis directed to the history and development of these institutions; the state and local political systems; the political environment; party, interest group, citizen and media inputs; current problems and changing functions affecting local governments. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **Offered:** F. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** CSU and private colleges.

POLS B16 Vital Political Problems (3 units)

Examination of major political problems challenging the United States today. Emphasis on class discussion and individual analysis of controversial topics involving political policy in the context of the study of political science. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **Offered:** S. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

POLS B42ab Principles of Leadership: Theories, Styles and Realities (2-2 units)

Introduction to the dynamics of working groups and the impact of leadership on the effectiveness of groups; examination of the linkage between concepts and theories of leadership to the everyday functioning of student organizations; understanding of the role played by structure and governance models in organizational effectiveness. Specific instruction in the principles of administration of: the co-curricular activities; ASBC finances, including budgetary procedures and parliamentary procedures and group dynamics. One hour each week is devoted to a student body and/or business meeting and one hour to in-class instruction. Student officers serving their first term are required by ASBC By-Laws to enroll in this course. **Hours:** (36-36) 2 lect. **CCS:** Liberal Arts and Sciences. **Transferable:** CSU and private colleges. **Note:** Elective credit only.