

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Political science, the systematic and rigorous study of government, public policy and the political behavior of individuals, groups, and institutions, is becoming increasingly crucial in a complex and controversial world. Most social, economic and moral issues have political implications, and governmental policy affects most aspects of daily life. The goal of the Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer degree (ADT) is to provide students with an understanding of the American political system and other political systems within the context of global forces, international conflicts, ideological systems and diversity. Courses in this degree are designed to introduce students to the field of political science and the primary subfields of political science, and to equip students with the specialized research and analytical skills necessary to examine political issues. This analytical framework will familiarize students with the more generalized problem-solving skills sufficient to allow them to make valuable contributions to any vocation or enterprise they pursue.

### Political Science for Transfer Degree Requirements

- Completion of 60 transferable semester units to the California State University.
- Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0 in all transferable coursework.
- Full completion of one of the following General Education patterns:
  - California State University General Education – Breadth Requirements (CSU GE).
  - The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) for CSU, with completion of Area 1C: Oral Communication (CSU admission requirement)
- A minimum of 19 semester units required for the major
- All courses in the major must be completed with a grade of “C” or better or a “P” if the course is taken on a “Pass-No Pass” basis (Title 5 § 55063)

### Program Level Learning Outcomes (PLO’s)

Upon completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of important findings, theories, and changing issues relevant to political science;
- Demonstrate critical thinking about political issues and evaluate theories and arguments major assertions, background assumptions, the evidence used to support assertions, and their explanatory value;
- Utilize appropriate investigative methods and appropriate technologies to access relevant research.

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Associate in Arts for Transfer

Major Units: 19

REQUIRED CORE		13 units
POL SCI 001	The Government of the United States	3
POL SCI 002	Modern World Governments	3
POL SCI 007	Contemporary World Affairs	3
MATH 227 Statistics		4
<b>OR</b>		
MATH 227S	Statistics with Support	(4)
RESTRICTED ELECTIVES		
<i>Select two courses from below</i>		<b>6 units</b>
ADM JUS 001	Introduction to Administration of Justice	3
HISTORY 011	Political and Social History of the United States I	3
HISTORY 012	Political and Social History of the United States II	3
HISTORY 052	The Role of Women in the History of the U.S.	3
LABR ST 001	U.S. Labor History	3
LABR ST 004	Labor in America	3
PSYCH 001	General Psychology I	3
SOC 001	Introduction to Sociology	3
<b>Total major units</b>		<b>19</b>
CSU GE or IGETC general education pattern		39-37
CSU transfer electives to meet 60-unit minimum		
<b>Total Degree units</b>		<b>60</b>



**POLITICAL SCIENCE AA-T  
SIMILAR DEGREES AT LOCAL CSUS**

Channel Islands	Political Science – General	BA
Dominguez Hills	Political Science - General	BA
Fullerton	Political Science - General	BA
Long Beach	American Studies - General	BA
Long Beach	Asian American Studies - General	BA
Long Beach	Political Science - General	BA
Los Angeles	Political Science -General, -Global Politics, -Pre-Legal Studies, -Public Administration	BA
Northridge	Political Science -Law and Society, -Politics and Government, -Public Policy and Management	BA
Pomona	Political Science -General	BA

**Declaring the major**

Meet with a counselor to set the following plans and majors in PeopleSoft. (Required to allow you to apply for graduation online.)

- Political Science AA-T
- A.A. degree in Liberal Arts: Behavioral and Social Sciences
- CSU GE or IGETC Certificate of Achievement

**Preparing for Graduation**

Please log in to PeopleSoft Student Portal to fill out the appropriate application for the degree/certificate and submit it before the deadline.

- If you have attended any colleges or universities outside the Los Angeles Community College District and will be using coursework toward an associate degree, Certificate of Achievement or GE Certification, we require official transcripts to be on file with Admissions and Records. This also applies to any coursework taken within our District prior to Spring 1974. Transcripts from other institutions must be mailed directly to the Admissions & Records Office by the respective colleges for credit.
- If you are going to use courses from colleges or universities outside of the California Community College system, you should make an appointment with a counselor for a transcript evaluation to determine which courses can be used towards your degree or certification. It is highly recommended that all students who start at LATTC meet with a counselor to discuss your transfer educational goals.

**Applying for Graduation (Degree and Certificate)**

- Logon to your PeopleSoft portal and navigate to:  
**Academic Records> My Academics> Petition for Graduation**
- Apply within the first 6 weeks of the current semester.
- Applications submitted after deadline may be reviewed for the subsequent semester.