

## POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Associate Degree  
for Transfer  
*A Degree with a Guarantee.™*

### Political Science A.A.-T Transfer Degree

Political Science is the systematic study of politics, political institutions, and governmental processes by the application of scientific methods of analysis and critical examination. Political science is concerned with the objectives and ends of politics and the way in which political society should be organized in order to realize those objectives and ends. Courses in political science enable students to study and understand how political and governmental institutions make and implement decisions and the effects those decisions have on individual, group, and societal behavior. Political science majors are prepared to transfer and pursue Bachelor's and graduate degrees in political science, law, education, journalism, and business.

Cabrillo offers options for degrees in Political Science. The first option listed below is the Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer (A.A.-T), which is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in Political Science or a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing an A.A.- T/A.S.-T degree are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or 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.

See Associate Degree for Transfer information in the Cabrillo College *Catalog*. The following is required for all A.A.-T or A.S.-T degrees:

- Completion of 60 CSU-transferable semester units.
- Minimum grade-point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some majors may require a higher GPA.
- Completion of a minimum of 18 semester units in the major with a letter grade of "C" or better, or a "P" if the course is taken on a "Pass/No Pass" basis.
- Certified completion of the California State University General Education- Breadth pattern (CSU GE Breadth) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern.

### Learning Outcomes

The Cabrillo College Core Competencies (with an emphasis in the study of Political Science):

1. Communication: Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking, and/or Conversing

2. Critical Thinking and Information Competency: Analysis, Computation, Research, Problem Solving
3. Global Awareness: An appreciation of Scientific Processes, Global Systems and Civics, and Artistic Variety
4. Personal Responsibility and Professional Development: Self-Management and Self-Awareness, Social and Physical Wellness, Workplace Skills

### CSU or IGETC for CSU General Education Requirements 37-39 Units Core Course (3 units)

PS 1 Introduction to Government .....3  
or

PS 1H Honors Introduction to Government .....3

#### List A - Take the following 2 courses (6 units) Units

PS 2 Comparative Government .....3

PS 3 International Relations .....3

#### Take one course in Statistics from the list below: Units

MATH 12 Elementary Statistics .....5

MATH 12H Honors Elementary Statistics .....5

PSYCH 2A Statistics for Behavioral Sciences.....3

#### List B - Select 2 courses from the following: (6 units) Units

ANTHR 2 Introduction to Anthropology: Cultural .....3

or  
ANTHR 2H Honors Introduction to Anthropology: Cultural.....3

BUS 18 Business Law .....4

ECON 1A Introduction to Macroeconomics .....3

ECON 1B Introduction to Microeconomics .....3

GEOG 2 Cultural Geography.....3

HIST 2B World History: 1500 to Present.....3

HIST 4A Survey of Western Civilization to 1648.....3

or  
HIST 4AH Honors Survey of Western Civilization to 1648 ...3

HIST 4B Survey of Western Civilization—

1648 to Late 20th Century .....3

or  
HIST 4BH Honors Survey of Western Civilization—

1648 to Late 20th Century .....3

PS 5 American Political Thought .....3

PSYCH 1 General Psychology .....3

or  
PSYCH 1H Honors General Psychology .....3

SOC 1 Introduction to Sociology:

Understanding Society.....3

or  
SOC 1H Honors Introduction to Sociology:

Understanding Society.....3

or  
Any CSU GE Area D course.....3

#### Electives:

Electives ..... 1 - 5

**Total Units** **60**

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### Model Program for Political Science

An Associate Degree requires 60 units appropriate to your educational goal, to include general education and at least 18 units in a major. Courses should be selected to meet the lower-division major preparation requirements at your intended transfer university - these specific requirements can be found at [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) for 4-year public institutions in California. Please see a counselor for advisement to ensure you are taking the best possible courses given your goal.

The department presents the following suggested Model Program for this major. The courses listed below may or may not be appropriate depending on your specific goal. Please see a counselor for advisement for transfer to any 4- year institution.

#### A.A. General Education 30 Units

##### Core Courses (12 units)

PS 1	Introduction to Government .....	3
or		
PS 1H	Honors Introduction to Government .....	3
PS 2	Comparative Government .....	3
PS 3	International Relations .....	3
PS 5	American Political Thought .....	3

##### Approved Electives (6-9 Units) Units

ECON 1A	Introduction to Macroeconomics .....	3
ECON 1B	Introduction to Microeconomics .....	3
HIST 2A	World History to 1500 .....	3
HIST 2B	World History: 1500 to Present.....	3
HIST 4A	Survey of Western Civilization to 1648.....	3
or		
HIST 4AH	Honors Survey of Western Civilization to 1648 ...	3
HIST 4B	Survey of Western Civilization— 1648 to Late 20th Century .....	3
or		
HIST 4BH	Honors Survey of Western Civilization— 1648 to Late 20th Century .....	3
HIST 16C	History of Mexico .....	3
HIST 19B	Introduction to Chinese History .....	3
HIST 19C	Introduction to Japanese History.....	3

##### Electives:

(Any Course numbered 1-99) ..... 9 - 12

**Total Units 60**

## Political Science Courses

### PS 1 Introduction to Government

3 units; 3 hours Lecture

Repeatability: May be taken a total of 1 time.

Traces the origins and development of the U.S. political system with a focus on the Constitution, current affairs, the media, civil rights, and civil liberties. Other topics include basic concepts from political philosophy, constitutional law, institutions of the federal government (Congress, Presidency, Courts), political parties and elections, federalism, public opinion, interest groups, and California politics. Contemporary issues will be presented from a variety of viewpoints. (Satisfies the state requirement for American institutions and California government.) Critical analytical written work is the primary means of evaluating student performance in this course. May be offered in a Distance-Learning Format.

*Transfer Credit:* Transfers to CSU; UC. C-ID: POLS 110

### PS 1H Honors Introduction to Government

3 units; 3 hours Lecture

Prerequisite: Honors standing.

Recommended Preparation: ENGL 1A/1AH/1AMC/1AMCH.

Repeatability: May be taken a total of 1 time.

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*Transfer Credit:* Transfers to CSU; UC. C-ID: POLS 110

### PS 2 Comparative Government

3 units; 3 hours Lecture

Repeatability: May be taken a total of 1 time.

Examines and compares a diverse selection of the world's political and economic systems. The specific selection of country case studies varies, and is selected from Great Britain, Japan, Germany, Russia, China, India, Iraq, Iran, South Africa, and Mexico. Each country case study will focus on the common themes of political history, key institutions, political cultures, political participation, major contemporary political, economic, and social issues, and the impacts of global forces on these political and economic systems.

*Transfer Credit:* Transfers to CSU; UC. C-ID: POLS 130

**PS 3 International Relations**

3 units; 3 hours Lecture

Repeatability: May be taken a total of 1 time.

Examines the political and economic structures and the main actors (states, intergovernmental, and nongovernmental) of the contemporary international system. Topics include major contending perspectives for understanding international relations and an exploration of selected issues and cases in international relations. May be offered in a Distance-Learning Format.

*Transfer Credit:* Transfers to CSU; UC, C-ID: POLS 140

**PS 5 American Political Thought**

3 units; 3 hours Lecture

Repeatability: May be taken a total of 1 time.

Investigates the influences of political theory on the development of the political system of the United States. Emphasis is placed on concepts such as: democracy, republicanism, liberty, and political autonomy as well as how the constitution gives authority to the government while limiting its powers. Readings range from the ancient Greeks to early modern and contemporary writings. Topics include basic concepts from political philosophy; the forms and functions of the institutions of the federal government, and California state politics. (Satisfies the state requirements for American institutions and California government.)

*Transfer Credit:* Transfers to CSU; UC.

**PS 39A-Z Special Topics in Political Science**

1 – 3 units; 1 – 3 hours Lecture

Repeatability: May be taken a total of 1 time.

Studies particular political issues, movements, and concepts. Course content will vary with each offering.

*Transfer Credit:* Transfers to CSU; UC, with conditions: Students must retain a copy of the course outline, the course syllabus and work completed for this course. Credit for this course is contingent upon a review of the course outline and other materials by the UC transfer campus.