



## Political Science

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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.

#### 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.

#### 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
POLS B1	American Government: National, State and Local	3.0

##### List A - Select 10 units from the following:

Course #	Name	Units
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:

Course #	Name	Units
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

Category	Units
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