

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FOR TRANSFER

The Political Science major will provide students with a framework for understanding political theories, institutions, and processes. Students develop skills for critically evaluating issues and applying appropriate research methodologies for understanding political behavior. The Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer is designed to prepare students for a seamless transfer into the CSU system to complete a baccalaureate degree in Political Science or similar major. Priority admission with junior status to the CSU system will be granted. Students completing this degree are exempt from Mendocino College Institutional Requirements. Please check with a counselor for more specific transfer information.

Required Courses – Major

Course Number	Course Name	Units
POLS C1000	American Government and Politics	3
POLS 201	Comparative Politics	3
POLS 202	Political Theory	3

Plus 6 additional units selected from the following

Course Number	Course Name	Units
POLS 203	International Relations	3
POLS 205	Native Americans and the U.S. Political System	3
POLS 206	Women in American Politics	3
STAT C1000	Introduction to Statistics	4

Plus 3 additional units selected from the following, or any course not used above

Course Number	Course Name	Units
ECO 200	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
HST 202	The United States to 1877	3
HST 203	Modern United States History	3
HST 206	World History Since 1500	3
HST 221	California History	3
HST 250	Contemporary America: The People and the Issues	3
POLS 197	Political Science Internship	1 - 8
PSYC 250	Research Methods in Psychology	3
SOC 201	Social Problems	3

Total Major Units	18 – 19
Total Degree Units	60

Program Level Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Describe the structure, role, and processes of key U.S. and international political entities and institutions.
2. Explain and critically evaluate various theoretical approaches to understanding politics and government.
3. Identify and discuss the most significant people and events in the history of U.S. and international politics.
4. Recognize and examine the influence of race, ethnicity and gender, as well as cultural, socio-economic, and cross-national contexts on political process and outcomes.
5. Collect, organize and evaluate information to describe and debate important political issues and events.

Career Opportunities in POLITICAL SCIENCE

Completing the Associate of Arts in Political Science for Transfer can lead to a variety of opportunities, including Attorney, Public Administrator, Researcher/Policy Analyst, Pollster, Lobbyist, Government Relations Manager, Activist/Organizer, Campaign Manager/Consultant, Elected Official, Teacher/Professor, Journalist, Communications Director, Mediator, Foreign Service or Intelligence Officer, Civil Service Executive, Labor Relations Specialist.

Associate Degree for Transfer Requirements:

- Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of degree-applicable courses,
- Minimum overall grade point average of 2.0,
- Minimum grade of "C" (or "P") for each course in the major, and
- Completion of Cal-GETC.