

Political Science

A.A.-T DEGREE: 60 units



Associate Degree
for Transfer™

DESCRIPTION

The Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer degree is designed to prepare students for a seamless transfer into the CSU system to complete a baccalaureate degree in Political Science. Political science is the study of governments, power relations, public policies, political theories, political processes, and political behavior. The Political science major at Gavilan College is designed to develop knowledge, analytical skills, and critical insight into the nature of politics and political problems. Political science subfields include American government, political theory, comparative politics, and international politics. The major introduces each of these subfields to prospective students. The aim of the A.A.-T degree in Political Science is to prepare students for active participation in political life, whether as informed citizens or residents, as well as to prepare students for transfer into the CSU system as a political science major specializing in several possible subfields such as American politics, campaign management studies, comparative politics, international relations and terrorism studies. The aim of the A.A.-T degree in Political Science is to prepare students for active participation in political life, whether as informed citizens or residents, as well as to prepare students for transfer into the CSU system as a political science major specializing in several possible subfields such as American politics, campaign management studies, comparative politics, international relations and terrorism studies.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- ▶ Critically examine and analyze the core concepts of political science (government, regime, state, institutions, sovereignty, constitution, democracy, authoritarianism, and globalization)
- ▶ Critically examine and analyze the political, institutional, and cultural consequences of political, social, and ethnic inequalities
- ▶ Identify, compare, and contrast the major theoretical perspectives in the discipline
- ▶ Critically examine and analyze the forms and processes of political participation at the local, state, national, and/or international levels
- ▶ Evaluate the theories, methods, and techniques used to investigate and analyze political behavior, past and present
- ▶ Critically examine and evaluate the structure and function of other nations' political systems and the international system
- ▶ Critically examine and evaluate the historical and philosophical foundations of the United States and California constitutions

- ▶ Critically examine complex issues and develop, evaluate, and test solutions and hypotheses using the scientific method.
- ▶ Write research papers using descriptive, empirical, and analytical techniques.

REQUIREMENTS: (3 UNITS)

POLS1 Introduction to American Government 3

LIST A: SELECT 3 (9 UNITS)

PSYC32 or Introduction to Research Methods 3
 POLS32 Introduction to Research Methods 3
 POLS3 Introduction to Comparative Politics 3
 POLS4 Introduction to International Relations 3
 POLS10 Introduction to Political Science 3
 MATH5 Introduction to Statistics 3

LIST B: SELECT 2 (6 UNITS)

ANY COURSE NOT USED IN LIST A (3 units)
 POLS5 Introduction to Modern International Terrorism . . . 3
 POLS7 Introduction to California Government and Politics 3
 POLS9 Global Social Change. 3
 POLS12 Introduction to Political Thought 3

ASSOCIATE DEGREE FOR TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS:

- ▶ Completion of 60 semester units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:
 1. The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements.
 2. A minimum of 18 semester units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.
- ▶ Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

Title 5 section 55063(a) also require that students must earn a "C" or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis, or a "P" if the course was taken on a 'pass-no-pass' basis.

TOTAL UNITS FOR THE MAJOR: 18

DOUBLE COUNTED UNITS: CSU: 6 - 9; IGETC: 6 - 9

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

CSU: 39; IGETC: 37

A student may complete the Gavilan College A.A./A.S. general education, the CSU-GE Breadth or the IGETC pattern, plus sufficient electives to meet a 60 unit total. See counselor for details.

NOTE: A course may be used to satisfy both general education and major courses. See "Double Counting Rule".

ELECTIVES NEEDED TO GET TO 60 UNITS:

CSU: 9 - 12; IGETC: 9 - 12