

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer

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

To be assessed

Completion of CSU or IGETC for CSU General Education Requirements

GE Units

37 - 39

Core Course (3 units)

Units

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| PS 1 | Introduction to Government | 3 |
| | or | |
| PS 1H | Honors Introduction to Government | 3 |

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

Units

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| PS 2 | Comparative Government | 3 |
| PS 3 | International Relations | 3 |

Take one course in Statistics from the list below:

Units

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| 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**

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| 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 |
| | or | |
| Any lower-division major preparation course articulated to the Similar Major at a CSU | | |

Note: All courses, except BUS 18, are also general education courses.

Electives:**Units**

1 - 5

Total Units**60**

PID 577