

AA-T Political Science

Political science is the study of governments, public policies and political processes, systems, and political behavior. Political science subfields include political theory, political economy, policy studies and analysis, comparative politics, international relations, pre-law and a host of related fields. Political scientists use both humanistic and scientific perspectives and tools and a variety of methodological approaches to examine the process, systems, and political dynamics of all countries and regions of the world.

Career Opportunities

A bachelor's degree in political science can lead to exciting careers in federal, state and local governments; law; business; international organizations; nonprofit associations and organizations; campaign management and polling; journalism; pre-Collegiate education; electoral politics; research and university and college teaching. Political science majors gain analytical skills, administrative competence and communication abilities that are valued in a wide spectrum of potential career areas.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students completing this program will be able to:

1. Analyze social science concepts and theories.
2. Evaluate diverse viewpoints related to the human experience.
3. Produce evidence-based arguments.

AA-T Degree Requirements

Major: Core and Selective Requirements

Complete Core Courses, 3 units	Units
PLSC 210 American Politics	3 units

Selective Courses, choose a minimum of 15-17 units from the following:

List A, select 3 Courses (9-10 units)	Units
MATH 200 Elementary Probability and Statistics	4 units
PLSC 130 Introduction to International Relations	3 units
PLSC 150 Introduction to Political Theory	3 units
PLSC 170 Introduction to Comparative Politics	3 units

List B, select at least 2 courses (minimum 6-7 units)	Units
Any course from list A not already used	3 - 4 units

COMM 150	Intercultural Communication	3 units
OR		
COMM 180	Introduction to Communication Studies	3 units
ECON 100	Principles of Macro Economics	3 units
GEOG 110	Cultural Geography	3 units
HIST 201	U.S. History through 1877	3 units
PLSC 103	Critical Thinking About World Politics	3 units
PLSC 310	California State and Local Government	3 units
SOCI 141	Ethnicity and Race in Society	3 units

General Education - certified completion of one of the following:

- California State University General Education-Breadth pattern (CSU GE Breadth),
- **OR**
- Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC/CSU) pattern

Elective courses: If applicable, additional courses to meet the minimum 60 CSU transferable units requirement.

Please refer to Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) Requirements for more information.

