

## AA 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 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 units from the following:**

List A, complete a minimum of 9 units from the following courses:	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, complete a minimum of 6 units from the following courses:**

	Units
Any course from List A that has not already been used	3 - 4 units
COMM 110 Public Speaking	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

**And required General Education coursework and electives as needed to meet the minimum 60 units required for the Associate degree.**

