

POLITICAL SCIENCE FOR TRANSFER (AA-T)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Political Science, the study of politics and government, examines ways and means by which societies identify and solve problems. The exercise of power in decision-making processes and its effect on societal resources is explored and weighed. Political values and beliefs are determined and evaluated for further depth of understanding. Political science courses enrich the general education program.

The Political Science Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) is suited to the needs of students who will complete their education at Chaffey College with an Associate in Arts degree, as well as those students who will complete their Chaffey Associate in Arts degree and transfer to a four year institution to complete their bachelor's degree. Successful completion of the transfer degree in Political Science guarantees the student acceptance to a California State University (*but does not guarantee acceptance to a particular campus or major*) to pursue a baccalaureate degree, in preparation to pursue a career in the field of law, government service, city management, public administration, foreign service, journalism, business and teaching.

CAREER AT A GLANCE:

HOW DO I KNOW IF THIS MAJOR IS FOR ME?

- You enjoy working in a supportive role
- You have a strong interest in legal procedures
- You enjoy working with set schedules and routines
- You like working with data and numbers
- You are detail oriented
- You enjoy carrying out projects
- You enjoy leadership positions
- You have a cooperative attitude

Use Focus2Career on your MyChaffey portal to learn more about careers and majors that fit you best.

WHERE CAN I WORK?

Grassroots Organizations	Campaign Offices
Legislative Departments	Public Affairs Offices
Campaign Startup Organizations	City/County Offices
Political Consulting Firms	Non-Profit Organizations
Federal/State Government	

For more information visit: www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/OccGuides

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

- Start taking introductory political sciences courses
- Volunteer at community and political events
- Practice interpersonal, small group and public speaking communication skills
- Job shadow and network with professionals in positions you wish to obtain in the future
- Participate in campus clubs in gain teamwork and leadership skills
- Attend university tours and visit the Transfer Center to decide where you want to transfer

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS ASSOCIATE DEGREE?

<i>Position Title</i>	<i>CA Median Salary</i>
Correspondence Clerk	\$40,340
Political Campaign Assistant	\$34,909
Grant Clerk	\$40,450
Legislative Aide	\$50,040
Canvasser	\$32,140
Activist	\$31,200
Community Outreach Specialist	\$65,880
Law Enforcement Officer	\$101,470
Eligibility Worker	\$49,560
Social Service Assistant	\$40,450

WHAT CAN I DO WITH HIGHER EDUCATION AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING?

<i>Position Title</i>	<i>CA Median Salary</i>
College Professor	\$98,800
High School Teacher	\$77,980
Political Scientist	\$115,110
Attorney	\$149,670
Research Analyst	\$87,800
Political Correspondent	\$44,510
Legislator	\$54,840
Equal Opportunity Representative	\$80,830
Lawyer	\$149,670
Urban Planner	\$85,410
Internal Affairs Officer	\$125,700

For more information about careers, education and training requirements, salary data, and job outlooks visit www.onetonline.org.

For additional information about career pathways and to find out if this major is a good fit for you visit the Career Center located in MACC 203. Career information was collected from www.onetonline.org and www.bls.gov.

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MAJOR AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

To obtain the Political Science AA-T degree, students must:

- Complete all the major requirements listed below with grades of C or better.
- Complete a minimum of 60 CSU-transferable units with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or better.
- Complete either the California State University General Education Breadth pattern (CSUGE), or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC).

LEGEND: G=Grade IP=In Progress N=Need **Bold: Prerequisites** Plain Text: No Prerequisites

<i>Major Requirements for the Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree: (A361A/B)</i>		Grade	IP	Need	Units
PS 1	American Politics				3

Student Name: _____

ID#: _____

Date: _____

Counselor: _____

<i>List A: Plus any three courses from the following:</i>		Grade	IP	Need	Units
PS 2	Introduction to Political Science				3
PS 4	Political Theory				3
PS 7	International Relations				3
PS 10	Comparative Politics				3
STAT 10	Elementary Statistics (or SCSCI 10, Statistics for Social Science)				4

List B: Plus any two courses from the following:
Any from List A not used above or:

		Grade	IP	Need	Units
PS 3	California Politics and Culture				3
PS 21	Urban Politics				3
PS 25	Latino Politics				3
PS 32	Law and Society				3
PSYCH 80	Research Methods in Psychology (or SOC 80, Introduction to Research Methods in Sociology)				4

Units for the Major: 18-20 Units

	IGETC	CSU
General Education	37	39
Total units that may be double counted	12	12
Elective (CSU transferable) units	16-17	14-15
	60	60

COUNSELOR NOTES:

\$46 per unit for CA Residents