

POLITICAL SCIENCE, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

The Associate in Arts degree in Political Science introduces students to political theory, the American political system and government structure including the process of local, state, and federal governments and its relationship to the international/global system. Students learn the skills of logical reasoning, critical analysis, fact gathering and developing effective arguments. In addition, students in the program gain an understanding for, and appreciation of, the American political system.

The Associate in Arts degree in Political Science requires a 15 unit core of the most common courses found in Political Science majors at both the UC and CSU. Requiring only 6 units of restricted electives, it is structured in a way that allows students to customize their major based on their intended transfer destination or their academic interests. Students may choose the general education pattern most appropriate for their educational goal including the Oxnard College General Education pattern, CSU GE-Breadth, or IGETC.

Course ID	Title	Units/ Hours
Required Core Courses		15
POLS R100	Introduction to Politics	
POLS R101	Government of the United States I: Institutions and Politics	
POLS R102	Introduction to Law and Society	
POLS R104	Introduction to International Relations	
POLS R108	Comparative Politics	
Required Additional Courses		6
ANTH R102	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology or ANTH R102H Honors: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
CHST/HIST R107	History of Mexicans in the United States	
ECON R100	Introduction to Economics and Contemporary Economics Issues	
ECON R201	Introduction to the Principles of Microeconomics or ECON R201H Honors: Introduction to the Principles of Microeconomics	
ECON R202	Introduction to the Principles of Macroeconomics or ECON R202H Honors: Introduction to the Principles of Macroeconomics	
GEOG R102	World Regional Geography	
HIST R110	History of the Middle East	
HIST R126	History of Latin America	
HIST R150	World History I or HIST R150H Honors: World History I	
HIST R160	World History II or HIST R160H Honors: World History II	
IDS R102	Science, Technology, and Human Values	
PHIL R111	Critical Thinking and Analytic Writing	
PHIL/SOC R114	Social Philosophy	
POLS R120	Political Theory	

POLS/HIST R125/ R125H	U.S. Foreign Policy and Covert Action	
	or POLS R125H Honors: U.S. Foreign Policy and Covert Action	
PSY R103	Beginning Statistics for Behavioral Science	
SOC R103	Race and Ethnic Relations	
Total Required Major Units		21
Oxnard College General Education Pattern		29
Double-Counted Units		- 6-12
Free Electives Required		16-22
Total Required Units for A.A. Degree		60
OR		
Total Required Major Units		21
CSU GE-Breadth		39
Health (can be taken within CSU GE)		3
PE / Kinesiology		1
Double-Counted Units		- 6-12
Free Electives Required		2-8
Total Required Units for A.A. Degree		60
OR		
Total Required Major Units		21
IGETC		37
Health		3
PE / Kinesiology		1
Double-Counted Units		- 6-12
Free Electives Required		4-10
Total Required Units for A.A. Degree		60

To complete the Associate Degree, students must meet requirements in the major, general education, competency, units, scholarship, and residency. Refer to Education Pathways - Earn an Associate Degree and the A.A. or A.S. Degree in Specific Majors sections of this catalog.

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

- Demonstrate a knowledge and awareness of contemporary issues, political institutions, and problems in the community and their historical contexts. Students should demonstrate an understanding of the importance of community involvement and leadership.
- Demonstrate a working knowledge of research in political science and identify research questions, hypotheses and analyze, critique and integrate source materials.
- Demonstrate an in-depth understanding and knowledge of the political institutions through which public policies are formulated, modified, and implemented.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the mechanics of writing in Political Science and demonstrate proficiency in spelling, grammar and sentence structure. This includes stylistic considerations such as formatting and source documentation. Students should also demonstrate the ability to communicate ideas (oral) effectively.
- Demonstrate increasingly sophisticated skills in reading sources critically. Students should be able to research, evaluate and analyze the field of Political science and relate ideas to other fields as well.
- Demonstrate knowledge and theories relevant to global politics and policies. This includes knowledge of Western and non-Western political systems, processes, values and models of politics and patterns of interaction among them. Students should demonstrate an

understanding and respect for economic, socio-cultural, political and environmental interaction of global life.