



Social and Behavioral Sciences Career and Academic Pathways (CAPs) Program Map: Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer for Political Science

Total number of units: 63-65 units

Top Code/Academic Plan: 2207.00

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Fall	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Notes for Part-time students
Program/GE Course	POL SCI 001	The Government of The United States	3	IGETC AREA 4 - This course is a core requirement for the Political Science AA-T. This course has sections that are part of the Honors Program. Check the current catalog for the section number(s). To apply for admission to the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Counseling Center. For additional information about the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Honors Program website or contact Dr. Bermudez at bermudn@elac.edu .	Day, evening, short-term and online. Also available at SGEC. This course may have sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."
GE Course	ENGLISH 101	College Reading and Composition I	3	IGETC AREA 1A. This course has sections that are part of the Honors Program. Check the current catalog for the section number(s). To apply for admission to the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Counseling Center. For additional information about the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Honors Program website or contact Dr. Bermudez at bermudn@elac.edu .	This course may have sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."
GE Course	MATH 227	Statistics	4	IGETC AREA 2 - MATH 227 is required to transfer to UC, CSU. This course has sections that are part of the Honors Program. Check the current catalog for the section number(s). To apply for admission to the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Counseling Center. For additional information about the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Honors Program website or contact Dr. Bermudez at bermudn@elac.edu .	
GE Course	Any from approved list			IGETC AREA 3A.	

Total Units 13

Winter	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Notes for Part-time students
GE Course	Any from approved list		3	IGETC AREA 4 – Non POL SCI course needed to fulfill Area 4 requirement. Recommended disciplines: African-American Studies, Asian-American Studies, Economics, History, or Sociology, Women and Gender Studies.	

Total Units 3

Spring	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Notes for Part-time students
Program/GE Course	POL SCI 002	Modern World Governments	3	IGETC AREA 4 - This is a recommended program course among the 4 approved courses (POL SCI 002, POL SCI 005, POL SCI 007, POL SCI 050) for the Political Science AAT List A requirement.	Available Fall and Spring on Monterey Campus only. POL SCI 050 available fall semester on Monterey Park campus only. POL SCI 005 available spring semester on Monterey Park campus only.

Spring	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Notes for Part-time students
Program/GE Course	POL SCI 007	Contemporary World Affairs	3	IGETC AREA 4 - This is a recommended program course among the 4 approved courses (POL SCI 002, POL SCI 005, POL SCI 007, POL SCI 050) for the Political Science AAT List A requirement.	POL SCI 050 available fall semester on Monterey Park campus only. POL SCI 005 and 007 may have sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."
GE Course	ENGLISH 102 or 103	College Reading and Composition II or Composition and Critical Thinking	3	IGETC AREA 1B. This course has sections that are part of the Honors Program. Check the current catalog for the section number(s). To apply for admission to the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Counseling Center. For additional information about the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Honors Program website or contact Dr. Bermudez at bermudn@elac.edu .	This course may have sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."
GE Course	Any from approved list		3	IGETC AREA 5A.	
GE Course	Any from approved list		3-5	IGETC AREA 6A or Elective - Language other than English; UC requirement only. Students should meet with a counselor to discuss transfer-specific requirements.	

Total Units 15-17

College level English and Math should be completed within the first year of study. Follow placement Bguidance in the application process or meet with a counselor to find the right course level. Course load can be reduced by utilizing the intersession semesters.

Fall	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Notes for Part-time students
Program/GE Course	POL SCI 050	Introduction to Research in Political Science	3	IGETC AREA 4. This is a recommended program course among the 4 approved courses (POL SCI 002, POL SCI 005, POL SCI 007, POL SCI 50) for the Political Science AAT List A requirement.	POL SCI 050 available fall semester on Monterey Park campus only. POL SCI 005 available spring semester on Monterey Park campus only.
GE Course	ANTH 101	Human Biological Evolution	3	IGETC AREA 5B. The department suggests this course, but additional course options are available, some of which vary in unit load. Students should meet with a counselor. This course has sections that are part of the Honors Program. Check the current catalog for the section number(s). To apply for admission to the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Counseling Center. For additional information about the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Honors Program website or contact Dr. Bermudez at bermudn@elac.edu .	This course may have sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."
GE Course	ANTH 111	Laboratory In Human Biological Evolution	2	IGETC AREA 5C. The department suggests this course, but additional course options are available, some of which vary in unit load. Students should meet with a counselor.	
GE Course	COMM 101 or 104	Public Speaking or Argumentation and Debate	3	IGETC AREA 1C. COMM 101 is part of CSU admissions requirements. Students should meet with a counselor.	
GE Course	Any from approved list		3	IGETC AREA 3A or 3B.	

Total Units 14

Winter	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Notes for Part-time students
GE Course	Any from approved list		3	IGETC AREA 3B. Recommended: HISTORY 006, 011, 012 or 082 meet CSU US History grad requirement. HISTORY 011 or 012 has sections that are part of the Honors Program. Check the current catalog for the section number(s). To apply for admission to the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Counseling Center. For additional information about the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Honors Program website or contact Dr. Bermudez at bermudn@elac.edu .	HISTORY 011, 012 or 082 may have sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."

Total Units 3

Spring	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Notes for Part-time students
Program/GE Course	POL SCI 005	The History of Western Political Thought	3	IGETC AREA 4. This is a recommended program course among the 4 approved courses (POL SCI 002, POL SCI 005, POL SCI 007, POL SCI 50) for the Political Science AAT List A requirement.	POL SCI 050 available fall semester on Monterey Park campus only. POL SCI 005 available spring semester on Monterey Park campus only. POL SCI 005 or 007 may have sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."
Program/GE Course	POL SCI 019	Women and Politics	3	IGETC AREA 4 – This is a recommended program course to satisfy Political Science AAT List B requirement.	Available spring semester on Monterey Park campus only. This course may have sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."
Program/GE Course	POL SCI 040	Law and Democracy	3	IGETC AREA 4 – This is a recommended program course to satisfy Political Science AAT List B requirement.	Available spring semester on Monterey Park campus only.
GE Course	Any GE or transferrable elective to reach 60 units		3		
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Total Units 15

Degree Path and Requirements:

To earn an AA-T in Political Science, students must: a) complete 60 CSU transferable semester units (18 semester units in the approved Political Science courses; Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements (CSU GE); b) achieve a grade point average of 2.0; and c) earn a "C" (or "P") for each course in the major.

This map is a suggested term-by-term sequence of courses to complete the program in a recommended time frame. This is an efficient and recommended plan, but actual plans may vary by individual student need. This map cannot replace a meeting with [counselors](#).

Department Advising Notes:

This program map was used using IGETC requirements. This map is a suggested term-by-term sequence of courses to complete the program in a recommended time frame. This is an efficient and recommended plan, but actual plans may vary by individual student need. This map cannot replace a meeting with counselors. Students should consult a counselor for specific information about transfer requirements, IGETC, CSU/UC requirements. Program courses are offered in specific semesters and odd/even years as noted. Course load can be reduced by utilizing the intersession semesters. Pre-Requisite disclaimer: Political Science courses have no prerequisites and can be taken in any order to complete program requirements. Units may

vary depending on the courses that are chosen and the requirements students need for their unique paths.

Program Description

The Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer Degree creates a transfer pathway for students who plan to complete a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science or similar major at a California State University (CSU). With successful completion of this degree, students will possess foundational knowledge and skills that comprise the core content of the lower division requirements of many baccalaureate programs in Political Science. Students completing the Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer Degree will be able concepts in American Government, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Thought. This degree program provides preparation in Political Science Research Methodology as well as historical and comparative analysis of Women in Politics. Through this foundational knowledge, students completing the Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer Degree will be prepared for successful completion of a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

Career and Transfer Opportunities

Visit the [Transfer Center](#) for transfer and guaranteed transfer information, which varies based on transfer college. Make an appointment with a counselor for transfer information. Many students who pursue the Political Science AAT may be interested in the Pathway to Law School Transfer Program. If interested, see the requirements [here](#).

A degree in political science will prepare you to pursue careers in law, consulting, teaching, journalism and communications, polling and campaign management, business, international organizations, community service, nongovernmental organizations, and state, local, and federal government. It will also prepare you for participating in community organizations, electoral politics, advocacy groups, and elective or administrative positions in government. Students can visit [Career and Job Services](#) for career counseling and further exploration.

Career options in political science can be found [here](#).

Youtube Videos

[An Introduction to the Discipline of Politics](#)

Program Map

A suggested sequence of classes to complete a degree, certificate, or program of study. Students should consult an academic counselor for variations to this plan based on part-time or full-time status, transfer plans, pre-requisites needed, etc.

Prerequisite Course

A specific course that must be completed before advancing to the next course.

Check the online catalog at elac.edu for the latest and most accurate information.

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