

**CERRITOS COLLEGE**  
**POLITICAL SCIENCE (AA-T)**

**ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FOR TRANSFER**

The goal of the program is to introduce students to the major fields of study in political science as well as the theoretical and practical aspects of government and politics. A major in political science is of benefit to students seeking careers in law, journalism, foreign affairs, economics, business, public relations, and public administration. The program includes the study of American Politics (principles, institutions, and policies) and, depending upon the student's chosen course of study, may also include Comparative Politics (institutional structures, processes, and political cultures), International Relations (structure and operation of the international system), and/or Political Philosophy (ideas about human nature, power, justice, and the state). Completion of the degree indicates that the student will have satisfied the lower division requirements for a seamless transfer into the California State University system for political science majors.

**REQUIRED COURSES - Select three courses (9 units):**

<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>UNITS</b>
POLS C1000	American Government and Politics	3
POL 210	International Relations	3
POL 220	Comparative Government	3
POL 240	Introduction to Political Theory	3

**LIST A: Select two courses (6 units)**

Any course not selected from Required Courses

<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>UNITS</b>
POL 201	Introduction to Political Science and American Government	3
PSYC 210	Elementary Statistics	4
<i>or</i> MATH 112S	Enhanced Elementary Statistics	(4.5)
<i>or</i> STAT C1000	Introduction to Statistics	(4)
POL 280	Race, Gender and Sexual Identity in American Politics	3
<i>or</i> ETHN 280	Race, Gender and Sexual Identity in American Politics	(3)
POL 281	Race, Ethnicity, and Latinx Politics in the U.S.	3
<i>or</i> ETHN 281	Race, Ethnicity, and Latinx Politics in the U.S.	(3)
POL 282	Race, Ethnicity, and Black Politics in the U.S.	3
<i>or</i> ETHN 282	Race, Ethnicity, and Black Politics in the U.S.	(3)

**LIST B: Select one course (3 units)**

Any course(s) from List A not already used

<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>UNITS</b>
POL 230	Contemporary Political Issues: Middle East	3
POL 250	Understanding the United Nations: Theory and Practice*	3
POL 255	Global Citizenship	3

**Total Units: 18-19.5**

\* POL 250 may be applied to the degree only once

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**ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FOR TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Completion of 60 CSU-transferable semester units.
2. Achievement of a minimum GPA of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. (Some majors may require a higher GPA. Students should consult with a counselor for more information.)
3. Completion of the major with a grade of "C" or better in each course or a "P" if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis and the "P" is equal to a "C" or better.
4. Completion of the California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC).

Note: The CSU GE (California State University General Education-Breadth) or IGETC (Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum) pattern may be used in some cases; please see a counselor for details.