POLITICAL SCIENCE, A.A-T

An Associate in Arts degree in Political Science for Transfer will fulfill the requirements for students to transfer to a four-year college or university as a Political Science major.

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Program Map
Design Your Future!

Begin by exploring MSJC program maps to find career or transfer (https://msjc.emsicc.com/?radius=&region=All%20Regions) opportunities. Program maps show the recommended course sequence that leads to graduation or transfer. The maps were developed by program experts to give you the skills and knowledge you need to succeed.

- **Starting in Spring?** Choose Fall Semester 1 courses.
- **Are you a part-time student?** Start Fall Semester 1 courses and follow the course sequence.

CSU: General Education Option B

Fall Semester 1		Units
ENGL-101	College Composition	3
MATH-140	Introduction to Statistics	3
CSCR-100	College Success and Career Readiness	3
COMM-100	Public Speaking	3
PS-101	Introduction to American Government and Politics	3
	Units	**15**
Spring Semester 1		
ENGL-103 or PHIL-112	Critical Thinking and Writing or Critical Thinking and Composition	3
PS-120	California Government	3
HIST-111 or HIST-112	U.S. History to 1877 or U.S. History Since 1865	3
SPAN-101 or FREN-101 or ASL-100	Elementary Spanish I or Elementary French I or American Sign Language I	4
PS/ETHS-103	Ethnic Politics in America	3
	Units	**16**
Fall Semester 2		
PS-105	Introduction to Political Theory	3
PS-102	Comparative Politics and Government	3
ANTH-101	Biological Anthropology	3
SPAN-102 or FREN-102 or ASL-101	Elementary Spanish II or Elementary French II or American Sign Language II	4
Select one of the following:		3
PHIL-101	Introduction to Philosophy I	
COMM-104	Argumentation and Debate (formerly Advocacy and Argument)	
HIST-101	Western Civilization to 1650 (formerly Western Civilization I: to 1500)	

PSYC-101	Introduction to Psychology	
	Units	**16**
Spring Semester 2		
PS-106	Introduction to International Relations	3
ANTH-101	Biological Anthropology	3
ART-100	Art Appreciation	3
ENVS-102	Environmental Science Laboratory	1
ENVS-101	Environmental Science	3
	Units	**13**
	Total Units	**60**

Language Requirement: Some CSU's require the equivalency of an intermediate language proficiency for graduation. Please see a counselor for more detail regarding specific CSU major and graduation requirements.

CSUSM: General Education Option B

Fall Semester 1		Units
ENGL-101	College Composition	3
MATH-140	Introduction to Statistics	3
ART-100	Art Appreciation	3
PS-101	Introduction to American Government and Politics	3
COMM-100	Public Speaking	3
	Units	**15**
Spring Semester 1		
PHIL-112	Critical Thinking and Composition	3
PSYC-101	Introduction to Psychology	3
HIST-111 or HIST-112	U.S. History to 1877 or U.S. History Since 1865	3
SPAN-101 or FREN-101 or ASL-100	Elementary Spanish I or Elementary French I or American Sign Language I	4
COMM-104	Argumentation and Debate (formerly Advocacy and Argument)	3
	Units	**16**
Fall Semester 2		
PS-102	Comparative Politics and Government	3
PS-105	Introduction to Political Theory	3
ENVS-101	Environmental Science	3
ENVS-102	Environmental Science Laboratory	1
SPAN-102 or FREN-102 or ASL-101	Elementary Spanish II or Elementary French II or American Sign Language II	4
	Units	**14**
Spring Semester 2		
PS/ETHS-103	Ethnic Politics in America	3
PS-120	California Government	3
ANTH-101	Biological Anthropology	3
PS-106	Introduction to International Relations	3

SPAN-201	Intermediate Spanish I	4
or FREN-201	or Intermediate French I	
or ASL-201	or American Sign Language III (formerly ASL-103)	
	Units	**16**
	Total Units	**61**

Language Requirement: Some CSU's require the equivalency of an intermediate language proficiency for graduation. Please see a counselor for more detail regarding specific CSU major and graduation requirements. CSUSM Grad Requirements: Language (https://www.csusm.edu/academicadvising/gradrequirements/)

UC: General Education Option C

Fall Semester 1		Units
ENGL-101	College Composition	3
MATH-140	Introduction to Statistics	3
CSCR-100	College Success and Career Readiness	3
COMM-100	Public Speaking	3
PS-101	Introduction to American Government and Politics	3
	Units	**15**
Spring Semester 1		
ENGL-103	Critical Thinking and Writing	3
PS-120	California Government	3
HIST-111	U.S. History to 1877	3
or HIST-112	or U.S. History Since 1865	
PHIL-101	Introduction to Philosophy I	3
SPAN-101	Elementary Spanish I	4
or FREN-101	or Elementary French I	
or ASL-100	or American Sign Language I	
	Units	**16**
Fall Semester 2		
ECON-202	Principles of Microeconomics	3
HIST-101	Western Civilization to 1650 (formerly Western Civilization I: to 1500)	3
ENVS-101	Environmental Science	3
PS-105	Introduction to Political Theory	3
PS-102	Comparative Politics and Government	3
	Units	**15**
Spring Semester 2		
PS/ETHS-103	Ethnic Politics in America	3
PS-106	Introduction to International Relations	3
ANTH-111	Biological Anthropology Lab	1
ANTH-101	Biological Anthropology	3
COMM-104	Argumentation and Debate (formerly Advocacy and Argument)	3
ART-100	Art Appreciation	3
	Units	**16**
	Total Units	**62**

NOTE: For students who did not meet the LOTE requirement in high school, they may fulfill Area 6 by demonstrating proficiency by completing ASL-100 American Sign Language I, FREN-101 Elementary French I or SPAN-101 Elementary Spanish I with a grade C or better.

Languages other than English for Native Speakers are also acceptable for meeting this requirement.

Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Required Core Courses		
PS-101	Introduction to American Government and Politics	3
or PS-101H	Honors Introduction to American Government and Politics	
List A: Select three		
Select three of the following:		9
MATH-140	Introduction to Statistics	
or PSYC/SOCI-121	Statistics for Behavioral Sciences	
PS-102	Comparative Politics and Government	
PS-105	Introduction to Political Theory	
or PS-105H	Honors Introduction to Political Theory	
PS-106	Introduction to International Relations	
or PS-106H	Honors Introduction to International Relations	
List B: Select two		
Select any course from List A not used above or any of the following courses:		6
PS-103	Ethnic Politics in America	
or PS-103H	Honors Ethnic Politics in America	
PS-120	California Government	
or PS-120H	Honors California Government	
Total Units		**18**

Course	Title	Credits
Units for Major		**18**
CSU General Education or IGETC Pattern (https://catalog.msjc.edu/degrees-certificates-curricula/general-education-transfer-requirements/)		**37-39**
Possible double counting: 9 units		
Transferable Electives (as needed to reach 60 CSU transferable units)		

Total Units for A.A.-T Degree: 60 units

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Units for Major		**18**
CSU General Education or IGETC Pattern (https://catalog.msjc.edu/degrees-certificates-curricula/general-education-transfer-requirements/)		**37-39**
Possible double counting: 9 units		
Transferable Electives (as needed to reach 60 CSU transferable units)		

Total Units for A.A.-T Degree: 60 units

The overall requirements for this Associates Degree for Transfer (ADT) can be met by:

- Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC).

- Completion of California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements (CSUGE) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC).
- Completion of a minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.
- Completion of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

ADTs also require that students earn a C or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis. A "P" (Pass) grade is acceptable if pass is defined as a grade of C or better. ADTs are intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. A student completing an ADT is guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not a particular campus or major. Students should meet with a Counselor to develop a comprehensive educational plan to further understand university and transfer requirements.

Career Exploration

Discover information about careers that interest you!

1. Take a **Career Quiz (https://msjc.emsicc.com/assessment/)** to learn about yourself and receive career suggestions based on your interests.
2. Search available **in-demand jobs (https://msjc.emsicc.com/browse-careers/)** in your career areas of interest and find up-to-date salaries and education requirements.
3. Find the **MSJC Program (https://msjc.emsicc.com/browse-programs/)** that connects your interests to a career.

Note: There are no guaranteed positions for students completing these programs. Education and work experience required will vary by employer. The salary and benefits for specific occupations will be dependent on work experience, education, background, and employer.