

# POLITICAL SCIENCE, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE FOR TRANSFER (AA-T)

**Banner Code:** 1\_AAT\_PSCI  
**Financial Aid Eligible**

Students graduating with an Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer Degree are well positioned to complete a Bachelor's Degree in a similar major within the California State University system with 60 units of upper-division coursework. Students who complete the Political Science AA-T degree are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. Students must maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum 2.0 is required for CSU admission, some majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult a counselor for more information.

The Political Science Department facilitates the success of general education students and political science majors by offering lower division courses in each of the sub-fields: American government, international relations, comparative politics, public law, and political theory. Political Science classes emphasize the importance of an informed citizenry, seek to instill the ability to analyze political phenomena in a critical way, and develop the communication skills to convey those analyses to others.

## Program Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate an increased awareness of their rights and responsibilities to themselves and to their communities—local, regional, national and global.
2. Students will be eligible and prepared for admission (SB 1440 and Education Code 66746) to California State University system schools.

## Associate Degree for Transfer Requirements

The following is required for all AA-T or AS-T degrees:

1. Minimum of 60 CSU-transferable semester units.
2. Minimum GPA of at least 2.0 in all CSU transferable coursework. While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some majors require a higher GPA. Consult with a counselor for more information.
3. Completion of a minimum of 18-semester units in the major as detailed in the Degree and Certificate section of this catalog. All courses in the major must be completed with a grade of C (or "P") or better.
4. Certified completion of the California State University General Education-Breadth pattern (CSU General Education Breadth — Option 2 (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-degree-general-education-option-2/>)) OR the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC — Option 3 (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-degree-general-education-option-3/>)).
5. A minimum of 12 units in residence within the Coast Colleges (Orange Coast College, Golden West College and/or Coastline College).

Course	Title	Units
<b>Required Courses</b>		
<i>Core Course</i>		
PSCI A180/A180H	American Government	3
<i>List A</i>		
Select three of the following:		9-10
MATH A160 or PSYC A160 or PSCI A201	Introduction to Statistics Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences Introduction to Political Science Research Methods	
PSCI A110	International Relations	
PSCI A185	Comparative Politics	
PSCI A188	Introduction to Political Theory	
PSCI A200	Introduction to Political Science	
<i>List B</i>		
Select two courses from List A not yet taken or the following:		6
ECON A170	Microeconomics	
ECON A175	Macroeconomics	
GNDR A130	Women, Politics, and Inequality	
HIST A170	History of the United States to 1876	
HIST A175	History of the United States Since 1876	
PSCI A101	Survey of Current Issues	
PSCI A190	Introduction to American Legal System	
<i>Program Major Units</i>		18-19
<i>CSU or IGETC for CSU</i>		37-39
<i>Transferable elective as needed to satisfy unit requirement</i>		Varies
<b>Total Minimum Degree Units</b>		<b>60</b>

## Program Sequence - CSU

These sequences at Orange Coast College are general course curriculum maps for students to finish all major and general education requirements for two-year completion of degrees, and/or fulfillment of transfer requirements. The course sequence may include course prerequisites and other placement requirements. **Students are advised to meet with an Orange Coast College Counselor to review course selections and sequences to ensure that completion of this program will meet a student's transfer and career goals.**

Course	Title	Units
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Semester 1</b>		
PSCI A180 or PSCI A180H	American Government <sup>1</sup> or American Government Honors	3
CSU GE AREA A2 - CHOOSE ONE		3
CSU GE AREA C1 - CHOOSE ONE		3
CSU GE AREA E - CHOOSE ONE		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Semester 2</b>		
HIST A170 or HIST A170H or HIST A175 or HIST A175H	History of the United States to 1876 <sup>1</sup> or History of the United States to 1876 Honors or History of the United States Since 1876 or History of the United States Since 1876 Honors	3

Course	Title	Units
CSU GE AREA B4 - CHOOSE ONE <sup>2</sup>		3-4
CSU GE AREA A3 - CHOOSE ONE		3-4
ADT List A Course - CHOOSE ONE (See Requirements)		3
CSU GE AREA B1 no lab - CHOOSE ONE <sup>3</sup>		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>15-17</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Semester 1</b>		
CSU GE AREA A1 - CHOOSE ONE		3
CSU GE AREA B2 with lab - CHOOSE ONE <sup>3</sup>		4
CSU GE AREA C1 OR C2 - CHOOSE ONE		3
ADT List A Course - CHOOSE ONE (See Requirements)		3
ADT List A Course - CHOOSE ONE (See Requirements) or ELECTIVE (CSU TRANSFERABLE) <sup>4</sup>		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Semester 2</b>		
CSU GE AREA F - CHOOSE ONE		3
CSU GE AREA D - CHOOSE ONE <sup>5</sup>		3
ADT List B Course - CHOOSE ONE (See Requirements)		3
ELECTIVE (CSU TRANSFERABLE) <sup>6</sup>		8
<b>Units</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>60-62</b>

<sup>1</sup> American Ideals Requirement - CSU Graduation Requirement

<sup>2</sup> MATH A160 recommended, counts for ADT List A and CSU GE AREA B4

<sup>3</sup> Lab can be taken with B1 or B2

<sup>4</sup> Choose an elective if MATH A160 is taken to meet a course for GE AREA B4 and List A

<sup>5</sup> Non Political Science Course

<sup>6</sup> VARIES TO REACH MINIMUM 60 TRANSFERABLE UNITS

## Program Sequence - IGETC

These sequences at Orange Coast College are general course curriculum maps for students to finish all major and general education requirements for two-year completion of degrees, and/or fulfillment of transfer requirements. The course sequence may include course prerequisites and other placement requirements. **Students are advised to meet with an Orange Coast College Counselor to review course selections and sequences to ensure that completion of this program will meet a student's transfer and career goals.**

Course	Title	Units
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Semester 1</b>		
PSCI A180 or PSCI A180H	American Government <sup>1</sup> or American Government Honors	3
IGETC GE AREA 1A - CHOOSE ONE		3
IGETC GE AREA 2 - CHOOSE ONE <sup>2</sup>		3-4
IGETC GE AREA 3A - CHOOSE ONE		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>12-13</b>

Course	Title	Units
<b>Semester 2</b>		
HIST A170 or HIST A170H or HIST A175 or HIST A175H	History of the United States to 1876 <sup>3</sup> or History of the United States to 1876 Honors or History of the United States Since 1876 or History of the United States Since 1876 Honors	3
ADT List A Course - CHOOSE ONE (See Requirements)		3
IGETC GE AREA 1B - CHOOSE ONE		3-4
IGETC GE AREA 3A OR 3B - CHOOSE ONE		3
IGETC GE AREA 5A no lab - CHOOSE ONE <sup>4</sup>		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>15-16</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Semester 1</b>		
ADT List A Course - CHOOSE ONE (See Requirements)		3
ADT List A Course - CHOOSE ONE (See Requirements)		3
IGETC GE AREA 5B with lab - CHOOSE ONE <sup>4</sup>		4
ELECTIVE (UC TRANSFERABLE)		3
LOTE: Foreign Language or ELECTIVE (UC TRANSFERABLE) <sup>5</sup>		3-5
<b>Units</b>		<b>16-18</b>
<b>Semester 2</b>		
ADT List B Course - CHOOSE ONE (See Requirements)		3
IGETC GE AREA 1C - CHOOSE ONE or ELECTIVE (UC TRANSFERABLE) <sup>6</sup>		3
IGETC GE AREA 4 - CHOOSE ONE		3
IGETC GE AREA 3B - CHOOSE ONE		3
ELECTIVE (UC TRANSFERABLE) <sup>7</sup>		5
<b>Units</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>60-64</b>

<sup>1</sup> American Ideals Requirement - IGETC GE AREA 4 and CSU Graduation Requirement

<sup>2</sup> MATH A160 recommended, counts for ADT List A and IGETC GE AREA 2

<sup>3</sup> American Ideals Requirement - IGETC GE AREA 4, CSU Graduation Requirement, and List B selection OR take another course from ADT List B (See Requirements).

<sup>4</sup> Lab can be taken with 5A or 5B

<sup>5</sup> LOTE Requirement for UC only. If met LOTE through HS then take elective units to meet minimum 60 transferable units

<sup>6</sup> IGETC GE Area 1C - CSU Requirement

<sup>7</sup> VARIES TO REACH MINIMUM 60 TRANSFERABLE UNITS