

Political Science AA-T (IGETC GE Track)

+If you have completed coursework at another college and/or are starting in a semester other than a Fall term, please follow up with the Counseling Department to determine if this sequence is appropriate for your academic and career goals.

Program Description: Public authority, responsibility, and acquisition of power are studied in the discipline of political science. Introductory courses are for students interested in learning about American government, politics in general and relationships with other political systems in the world. Students majoring in political science who are pre-law will particularly profit from the more advanced courses in the department. Students interested in foreign service, international relations and/or communication will enjoy participating in the Model United Nations program offered by the department. A major in political science is of benefit to students seeking careers in law, the military, economics, law enforcement, business, and public administration.

Program SLO: Students will be able to evaluate and analyze the basic institutional structure of competing governments, various theories of political science and thought, the framework of internal relations, and public policy as well as social factors influencing government.

Important Transfer Information: The sequence listed below, may not meet all your transfer admissions requirements. Connect with a counselor to develop an individual student education plan through the Counseling Department @ <https://www.canyons.edu/counseling> or (661) 362-3288/(661) 362-3822.

Major courses are sequenced and **BOLDED** based on recommendations by the [Political Science Department](#).

First Semester (3-17 units minimum) FA = Fall; WI = Winter; SP = Spring; SU = Summer

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
POLISC 150/150H	Introduction to American Government and Politics (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Major Course, Area 4, and American Institutions
POLISC 210 – may be taken up to 4 times for credit (CSU units only)	Model United Nations (FA, SP) – students are encouraged to take this course each semester per the Political Science dept.	3 (CSU only)	Major Course
MATH 140/140H or Math 140X	Introductory Statistics (FA, WI, SP, SU) or Statistics with Support (FA, SP)	4-5	Major Elective and Area 2
ENGLISH 101/101H	English Composition (FA, WI, SP, SU)	4	Area 1A
Arts Course	Choose one course from IGETC GE Area 3A (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Area 3A
Term Total:		17-18	

Check the Honors website for most recent course offerings. Must be enrolled in the Honors program to take courses, see below.

Second Semester (18-32 units minimum)

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
POLISC 200 or another course in Group 1	Introduction to Political Science (SP) or choose another course from Group 1 (FA, SP)	3	Major Elective and Area 4
POLISC 230	Political Theory (FA, SP)	3	Major Course
*Critical Thinking	Choose one course from IGETC GE Area 1B (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Area 1B
Biological Science	Choose any course from IGETC GE Area 5B (if not taking the corresponding lab, will need to add a lab to the Physical Science course) (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3-4	Area 5B (and 5C)
POLISC 210 (CSU units only) or another UC Elective	Model United Nations (FA, SP) or choose another UC transferable course (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Elective – (dept recommends POLISC 210)
Term Total:		15-16	

*Some UC's will require a second semester of English Composition.

Third Semester (33-47 units minimum)

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
POLISC 250	Comparative Government & Politics (FA, SP)	3	Major Course
Physical Science	Choose one course from IGETC GE Area 5A (<i>if not taking the corresponding lab, will need to add a lab to the Biological Science course</i>) (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3-4	Area 5A (and 5C)
American Institutions – History course	Choose one of the History course options for American Institutions, <i>see table below</i> (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	American Institutions and Area 3B
COMS 105/105H	Fundamentals of Public Speaking (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Area 1C
POLISC 210 (<i>CSU units only</i>) or another UC Elective	Model United Nations (FA, SP) or choose another UC transferable course (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Elective – (<i>dept recommends POLISC 210</i>)
Term Total:		15-16	

Fourth Semester (48-60 units minimum)

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
POLISC 270	International Relations (FA, SP)	3	Major Course
Arts or Humanities Course	Choose one course in either IGETC GE Area 3A or 3B (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Area 3A or 3B
POLISC 290 or another UC Elective	Ethnic & Gender Politics (FA, WI, SP, SU) or choose another UC transferable course (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Elective – (<i>dept. recommends POLISC 290</i>)
POLISC 210 (<i>CSU units only</i>) or another Social Science Course	Model United Nations (FA, SP) <u>or</u> choose another IGETC Area 4 course-if you only have POLISC classes there (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Elective –But, also make sure you have 1 IGETC Area 4 class that's not from POLISC
++UC Elective	Choose another UC transferable course (FA, WI, SP, SU)	1-5	Elective (Have you met the UC ++Foreign language requirement?)
Term Total:		13+	

Total Units: 60+

++**Note:** Foreign language is required as part of the transfer general education breadth for UCs. Please see the Counseling Office for additional information.

Group 1 – Need a total of two courses completed for this area (at least 6 units)

POLISC 200	Introduction to Political Science (SP)	3
POLISC 210 (<i>CSU units only</i>)	Model United Nations (FA, SP)	3
POLISC 290	Ethnic & Gender Politics (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3
MATH 140/140H or MATH 140X	Introductory Statistics (FA, WI, SP, SU) or Statistics with Support (FA, SP)	4-5

Students can take additional Political Science courses to fulfill elective units.

American Institutions Requirement – Select one history course from the following (3 units)

<i>POLSCI 150/150H covers second course for this category</i>	Economics 170/170H, History 111/111H, History 112/112H, History 120/120H, or History 130 (FA, Wi, SP, SU)
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Counseling Resources

Political Science Department <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/politicalscience/index.php>

IGETC General Education Guide: <https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/counseling/degrees/generated.php>

CSU/UC Articulation Agreements: www.assist.org

University of California: www.universityofcalifornia.edu

UC Transfer Pathways: <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/transfer-pathways/political-science.html>

Model United Nations: david.andrus@canyons.edu

COC Honors Program: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/honors/index.php>

Petition for Associate Degree: Check the [student calendar](#) for term-specific submission deadlines. Summer graduation associate degree petitions are due by April 1st for your name to appear in the spring commencement pamphlet. The petition form must be reviewed with a counselor and may be found here: <https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/admissions/records/forms.php>

Career Resources

California Career Zone: <https://www.cacareerzone.org/>

O*Net Online: <https://www.onetonline.org/>

Bureau of Labor and Statistics: www.bls.gov