

POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer degree (AA-T in Political Science) program at Monterey Peninsula College prepares students to analyze practices of power by evaluating the policy-making functions of government, both in the United States and in other countries, social movements, war, and revolution, among other topics. Political science majors at MPC receive thorough training in a broad range of quantitative and qualitative methods and learn to conduct research on topics of interest to contemporary political scientists, preparing them well for transfer into the CSU system to pursue a baccalaureate degree in Political Science or related area. Students must complete the Associate Degree for Transfer requirements to earn the AA-T degree.

Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Identify the primary theories and methods associated with the four major subfields of the political science.
- Explain the relationship of political outcomes (i.e., constitutions, laws, treaties, wars, etc.) to the institutional structures that have produced them.
- Identify the primary variables in the political development of the institutions of U.S. government.
- Relate the primary theories of political motivation to the actions of political actors, both individual and institutional.

Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree

Associate Degree Major Requirements

	Units
REQUIRED CORE:	3
POLS 1 Introduction to American Government and Politics	
LIST A: Select three courses from the following:	9-10
POLS 2 Introduction to Comparative Gov. and Politics (3)	
POLS 3 Introduction to Political Theory and Thought (3)	
POLS 4 Introduction to International Relations (3)	
POLS 7 Introduction to Political Sci. Research Methods (3)	
or MATH 16 Elementary Statistics (4)	
LIST B: Select two courses from the following or any course from LIST A not already selected:	6-7
POLS 5 Politics of Developing Countries (3)	
POLS/GWOS 10 Gender in American Politics (3)	
POLS/ETNC 16 African-Americans in American Gov. (3)	
POLS/ETNC 18 Latinos in American Gov. (3)	
TOTAL MAJOR UNITS	18-20
Associate Degree Requirements (as described above)	18-20
<i>Complete CSU General Education or IGETC Pattern for a total of 60 transferable units (see pages 72-75 in the 2017-18 MPC Catalog).</i>	
TOTAL DEGREE UNITS	60