

Political Science AA-T (CSU 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. [The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act \(SB 1440\)](#)

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 (3-16 units minimum) | | FA = Fall; WI = Winter; SP = Spring; SU = Summer | | |
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| Course | Title | Units | Major and GE Courses | |
| POLISC 150/150H | Introduction to American Government and Politics (FA, WI, SP, SU) | 3 | Major Course, Area D, and American Institutions | |
| POLISC 210 - may be taken up to 4 times for credit | Model United Nations (FA, SP) - students are encouraged to take this course each semester per the Political Science dept. | 3 | Major Course and Area D | |
| MATH 140/140H or another College-level Math | Introductory Statistics (FA, WI, SP, SU) or choose any 100-level math course (FA, WI, SP, SU) | 3-5 | Major Elective and Area B4 | |
| ENGLISH 101/101H | English Composition (FA, WI, SP, SU) | 4 | Area A2 | |
| Lifelong Learning | Choose one course from the CSU GE Area E category that is at least 3-units (FA, WI, SP, SU) | 3 | Area E | |
| | Term Total: | 16-18 | | |

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

| Second Semester (17-31 units minimum) | | | | |
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| 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 2 (FA, SP) | 3 | Major Elective | |
| POLISC 230 | Political Theory (FA, SP) | 3 | Major Course | |
| *Critical Thinking | Choose one course from CSU GE Area A3 (FA, WI, SP, SU) | 3 | Area A3 | |
| Arts Course | Choose one course from CSU GE Area C1 (FA, WI, SP, SU) | 3 | Area C1 | |
| POLISC 210 or another CSU Elective | Model United Nations (FA, SP) or choose another CSU transferable course (FA, WI, SP, SU) | 3 | Elective - (dept recommends POLISC 210) | |
| | Term Total: | 15 | | |

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

| Third Semester (32-46 units minimum) | | | | |
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| Course | Title | Units | Major and GE Courses | |

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| | POLISC 250 | Comparative Government & Politics (FA, SP) | 3 | Major Course |
| | Life Science | Choose any course from CSU GE Area B2 (<i>if not taking the corresponding lab, will need to add a lab to the Physical Science course</i>) (FA, WI, SP, SU) | 3-4 | Area B2 (and B3) |
| | American Institutions – History course | Choose one of the History course options for American Institutions, listed below (FA, WI, SP, SU) | 3 | American Institutions and Area C2 |
| | COMS 105/105H <i>or</i> COMS 120 | Fundamentals of Public Speaking (FA, WI, SP, SU) <i>or</i> Small Group Communication (FA, WI, SP, SU) | 3 | Area A1 |
| | POLISC 210 or another CSU Elective | Model United Nations (FA, SP) or choose another CSU transferable course (FA, WI, SP, SU) | 3 | Elective – (<i>dept recommends POLISC 210</i>) |
| | | Term Total: | 15-16 | |

Fourth Semester (47-61 units minimum)

| Course | Title | Units | Major and GE Courses |
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| POLISC 270 | International Relations (FA, SP) | 3 | Major Course |
| Arts or Humanities Course | Choose one course in either CSU GE Area C1 or C2 (FA, WI, SP, SU) | 3 | Area C1 or C2 |
| Physical Science | Choose one course from CSU GE Area B1 (<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 B1 (and B3) |
| POLISC 290 or another CSU Elective | Ethnic & Gender Politics (SP) or choose another CSU transferable course (FA, WI, SP, SU) | 3 | Elective – (<i>dept. recommends POLISC 290</i>) |
| POLISC 210 or another CSU Elective | Model United Nations (FA, SP) or choose another CSU transferable course from CSU Area D-if you only have POLISC classes there (FA, WI, SP, SU) | 3 | Elective –But, also make sure you have 1 CSU Area D class that's not from POLISC |
| | | Term Total: | 15-16 |

Total Units: 61

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

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| POLISC 200 | Introduction to Political Science (SP) | 3 |
| POLISC 210 | Model United Nations (FA, SP) | 3 |
| POLISC 290 | Ethnic & Gender Politics (SP) | 3 |
| MATH 140/140H | Introductory Statistics (FA, WI, SP, SU) | 4 |

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

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

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

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

CSU General Education Guide:

https://www.canyons.edu/_resources/documents/student-services/counseling/degrees/CSUGE20192020.pdf

CSU/UC Articulation Agreements: www.assist.org

Cal State University: www.calstate.edu

A Degree with a Guarantee: <http://adegreewithaguarantee.com/>

Model United Nations Club: david.andrus@canyons.edu

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

Career Resources

California Career Zone: www.californiacareerzone.com

O*Net Online: www.onetonline.com

Bureau of Labor and Statistics: www.bls.gov