



Political Science A.A. Degree - general

FULL TIME

This program roadmap represents one possible pathway to complete the program. **Please see a counselor** to create an education plan that is customized to meet your needs. This roadmap is not a guarantee of course availability or financial aid applicability.

Catalog: 2024-25

GE Pattern: local AA/AS

Total Units: 60

First Year

Semester 1

14 Units

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
Req	POLS 301 / 481 ^H	Introduction to Government: United States	3	Va
GE	ENGWR 300 / 480 ^H	College Composition	3	IIa WC
GE	PSYC 330	Introductory Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	3	IIb MC
GE		any Area IIIb (Life Development Skills) course	2	IIIb
GE		any Area I (Humanities) course	3	I

Semester 2

15 Units

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
Req	POLS 310 / 480 ^H	Introduction to International Relations	3	
Req	POLS 320	Introduction to Political Theory	3	
GE		any Area IV (Natural Sciences) course	3	IV
GE		any Area VI (Ethnic/Multicultural Studies) course	3	VI
Elec		any elective course numbered 300-499	3	

Second Year

Semester 3

15 Units

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
Req	POLS 302	Comparative Politics	3	
RE	POLS 330 ¹	Constitutional Rights	3	
Elec		any elective course numbered 300-499	3	
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¹ or POLS 304 (*Introduction to Government: California*)

Semester 4

16 Units

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
RE	POLS 342	Women and Politics from a Global Perspective	3	

TRANSFER PATH

Potential Transfer Majors:

- Political Science B.A.
- Government B.A.

Potential Career/Options After Completing a Bachelor's Degree:

- advocate/organizer
- campaign worker
- diplomat
- educator/teacher
- events planner
- foreign affairs specialist
- lawyer
- legislative aide
- lobbyist
- political consultant
- public relations specialist

Advising Notes:

- This roadmap is recommended for students interested in political science not focusing on international relations.
- Students can substitute ESLW 340 for ENGWR 300/480.
- It is highly recommended that POLS 302 and POLS 310 be taken in different semesters.

Scheduling Notes:

- POLS 304, 330, and 342 are offered in the fall.

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
GE		any Area IIIa (Physical Education) course	1	IIIa
GE		any Area Vb (Social & Behavioral Sciences) course	3	Vb
Elec		any elective course numbered 300-499	3	
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- POLS 320 is offered in the spring.

Other Notes to Students Preparing to Transfer:

- See [ASSIST.ORG](https://assist.org) for the transfer requirements of the institution to which you plan to transfer.
- The UC system requires proficiency in a language other than English equivalent to two years of high school study. [See a counselor](#) about fulfilling this requirement.

Honors Courses (H):

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better who complete 15 or more units of Honors coursework earn an [H onors](#) Transfer Certificate and can take advantage of honors-to-honors transfer agreements with highly selective colleges and universities, both public and private.

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES

Req	Required Core	A course that is required for this program
GE	General Education	A course that fulfills a specific general education requirement for a degree, which can be replaced with another course that meets the same requirement
Elec	Degree Elective	A degree-applicable course that is part of a degree roadmap to ensure that there is a total of at least 60 units, which is a requirement for an associate degree
RE	Restricted Elective	A course selected from a list of elective courses specified for this program in the course list in the catalog, which can be replaced with another course from the same list

Graduation Requirement

A course that fulfills a specific graduation requirement which can be replaced by another course that meets the same graduation requirement.

- MC = Math Competency
WC = Writing Competency