Moorpark College
Associate in Arts in Political Science (AA-T)

Program Goals and Objectives

The Associate in Arts in Political Science (AA-T in Political Science) for Transfer Degree adheres to SB 1440 and is created to offer an additional transfer pathway for potential CSU transfer students as it will help students focus on lower division major preparation courses and supports them as they move toward their transfer goal. In addition, students who complete the AA-T in Political Science will acquire a basic understanding of the nuances of the structure of government and will be able to explain the structure of government and apply major theories when analyzing politics and governments at home and abroad. Furthermore, students will be able to identify and analyze issues that governments face in developing domestic, foreign, and/or economic policies in relation to current domestic and/or global issues.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, a student will be able to:
- demonstrate an understanding of the perspectives, theories, methods and core concepts of political science as a social science.
- analyze the structures, institutions, and processes of government.
- apply primary theories to analyze politics and governance at home and abroad.

Catalog Description

The discipline of Political Science is the study of how people are governed and how they govern themselves. It examines the process by which scarce resources are allocated to an expanding population with ever-increasing demands. The discipline looks at American politics as an experience in "self-government" and highlights how our system is different from the political systems developed by other countries. The study of Political Science also includes the examination of how diversity impacts American government. The discipline also seeks to understand how nations deal with each other, what kinds of issues are likely to separate them and how they resolve international conflict. Political Science courses help prepare students for a variety of careers, such as pre-law and various careers in government and non-government settings at the federal, state or local levels.

The Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer (AA-T) is intended for students who plan to transfer and complete a bachelor's degree in Political Science, or a "similar" major at a CSU campus. Each CSU campus determines which of the degrees it offers are "similar" and can be completed with the preparation included in the AA-T in Political Science within 60 units once a student transfers, so which majors are "similar" varies from CSU to CSU. For a current list of what majors (and what options or areas of emphasis within that major) have been designated as "similar" to this degree at each CSU campus, please refer to the CSU's Associate Degree for Transfer Major and Campus Search website and seek guidance from a

Moorpark College counselor. Students completing this degree are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major.

To earn an AA-T in Political Science degree, students must:

1. Complete a minimum of 60 semester or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:
   a. The California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) requirements.
   b. The required coursework for the major as listed in the Moorpark College catalog.

2. Complete all courses in the major and Cal-GETC with a grade of "C" or better or "P" if the course is taken on a "pass-no-pass" basis. Even though a "Pass/Credit" grade is allowed, it is highly recommended that students complete their major courses with a letter grade (A, B, or C). **Note:** the UC system allows a maximum of 14 semester (21 quarter) units of courses graded "Pass/No Pass" (Credit/No Credit) toward the 60 transferable semester units required for transfer admission.

3. Obtain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for admission, some transfer institutions and majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information.

4. Complete a minimum of 12 semester units within the Ventura County Community College District.

Students transferring to a CSU campus that accepts the AA-T in Political Science (unless the major is a designated "high-unit" major at a particular campus). This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to a university or college that is not part of the CSU system. Students should consult with a counselor to obtain more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

Course ID	Title	Units/Hours
REQUIRED CORE: Select and complete three courses (9 units)		
POLS M02	Comparative Politics	3
POLS C1000	American Government and Politics	3
or POLS C1000H	American Government and Politics - Honors	
POLS M04	International Relations	3
POLS M06	Introduction to Political Theory	3
Units from LIST A		6 - 7
Units from LIST B		3
Total Units for Major		**18 - 19**

Course ID	Title	Units/Hours
LIST A: Select two courses (6 - 7 units)		
Any course not selected from Required Core		
POLS M01	Introduction to Politics	3
POLS M05	National, State and Local Politics	3
Or any one of the following:		3-4
POLS M09	Introduction to Political Science Research Methods	
STAT C1000	Introduction to Statistics	
STAT C1000H	Introduction to Statistics - Honors	
PSY M125	Statistics for the Behavioral and Social Sciences	
SOC M125	Statistics for the Behavioral and Social Sciences	
LIST B: Select one (3 units)		
Any course not selective from Required Core or LIST A		
ANTH M02	Cultural Anthropology	3
CJ M02	Concepts of Criminal Law	3
ECON M201	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECON M202	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
or ECON M202H	Honors: Principles of Macroeconomics	
GEOG M02	Cultural Geography	3
HIST M130	United States History Through Reconstruction	3
HIST M135	Native American History and Culture	3
HIST M137	History of American Women	3
or HIST M137H	Honors: History of American Women	
HIST M140	United States History 1865 to the Present	3
HIST M143	History of California	3
HIST M150	World History: From Prehistory to 1500	3
HIST M152	History of Asia from Prehistory to 1600	3
HIST M160	World History: From 1450 to the Present	3
HIST M164	History of Latin America	3
HIST M170	Western Civilization: From Prehistory to 1600	3

HIST M180	Western Civilization: From 1600 To The Present	3
NTS M07	Cultural Foods	3
PHIL M02	Introduction to Ethics	3
or PHIL M02H	Honors: Introduction to Ethics	
SOC M130	Introduction to Marriage and Family	3
SOC M150	Introduction to Race and Ethnicity	3

Total Units for Major	**18-19**
General Education (Cal-GETC)	34
Double-Counted Units	6-9
Elective Units	13-17
Total Units for the AA-T Degree	**60**