



POLITICAL SCIENCE

Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer

A Political Science major offers an education in government and political issues, local, national and global. A variety of courses in Political Science develop skills in research and analysis of government institutions, political behavior, the public policy process and global politics. Topics include the interpretation and use of constitutions, the politics of the legislative process, the impact of money and lobbying on elections, campaigns and public policy decisions, the role of political parties, interactions between national, state and local government, the role of executive leadership including the United States President, the impact of bureaucracies on public and personal life, the judicial process and the criminal justice system, comparative government, international relations, globalization and a wide range of issues that affect the lives of citizens. Development of skills in research, critical thinking, persuasive argument in debate, and analytical writing are primary goals of instruction in political science. All courses provide a stimulating foundation for the life of an educated citizen. *For more information, contact: Dr. Gloria Guevara (805) 678-5095 gguevara@vcccd.edu.*

Required Core Courses		Units
POLS R101	Government of the United States I: Institutions and Politics	3.0
LIST A:		
Select three of the following courses (9 units):		
POLS R100	Introduction to Politics	3.0
POLS R104	Introduction to International Relations	3.0
POLS R108	Comparative Politics	3.0
LIST B:		
Select two of the following courses (6 units):		
ANTH R102/H	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology/ Honors	3.0
ANTH R105	Sex, Gender and Culture	3.0
ANTH R110	People and Cultures of the World	3.0
ECON R100	Modern American Economy <i>**Advisories: ENGL R095 and ENGL R097 or equivalent</i>	3.0
ECON R101	Introduction to the Principles of Macroeconomics <i>*Prerequisites: MATH R002 or MATH R005 or MATH R011 or MATH R015 or Placement as determined by the college's multiple measures process</i>	3.0
ECON R102	Introduction to the Principles of Microeconomics <i>*Prerequisites: MATH R002 or MATH R005 or MATH R011 or MATH R015 or Placement as determined by the college's multiple measures process</i>	3.0
HIST R109	History of Mexico	3.0
HIST R116	History of the Americas II	3.0
HIST R117	History of American Women	3.0
HIST R130/H	History of the United States I/ Honors	3.0
HIST R140/H	History of the United States II/ Honors	3.0
HIST R150/H	World History I/ Honors	3.0
HIST R160/H	World History II/ Honors	3.0
POLS R102	Government of the United States: Institutions and Laws	3.0
POLS R125/H	Honors: U.S. Foreign Policy & Covert Action/ Honors (HIST R125/H)	3.0
SOC R101	Introduction to Sociology	3.0
SOC R102	Social Problems	3.0
SOC R104	Sex Roles	3.0
SOC R108	Sociology of the Chicano Community	3.0
SOC R125	Statistics for the Behavioral and Social Sciences <i>*Prerequisites: MATH R002 or MATH R005 or MATH R011 or MATH R015 or Placement as determined by the college's multiple measures process</i>	3.0



Total Required Major Units	18
CSU General Education <i>or</i> IGETC Pattern	38-41
Double-Counted Units	-(6-15)
Electives (CSU Transferable units needed to reach 60)	+ 7-19
Total units required for the AAT Degree	60.0