



# POLITICAL SCIENCE

## ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

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](mailto:gguevara@vcccd.edu)*

REQUIRED CORE CLASSES		UNITS
POLS R100	Introduction to Politics	3.0
POLS R101	Government of the United States I: Institutions and Politics	3.0
POLS R102	Government of the United States: Institutions and Laws	3.0
POLS R104	Introduction to International Relations	3.0
POLS R108	Comparative Politics	3.0
Required Additional Courses (6 Units)		
ANTH R102/H	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology/Honors	3.0
CHST R107	History of Mexicans in the United States (HIST R107)	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
GEOG R102	World Regional Geography	3.0
HIST R110	History of the Middle East	3.0
HIST R126	History of Latin America	3.0
HIST R150/H	World History I/ Honors	3.0
HIST R160/H	World History II/ Honors	3.0
IDS R102	Science, Technology, and Human Values	3.0
PHIL R111	Critical Thinking and Analytic Writing <i>Prerequisites: ENGL R101 or R101H</i>	3.0
PHIL R114	Social Philosophy (SOC R114)	3.0
POLS R120	Political Theory	3.0
POLS R125/H	U.S. Foreign Policy & Covert Action/Honors (HIST R125/H)	3.0
PSY R103	Beginning Statistics for Behavioral Science <i>Prerequisites: PSY R101 or PSY R101H and MATH R005 or MATH R014 or MATH R014B or MATH R015 or MATH R032 or placement as determined by the college's multiple measures assessment process</i>	3.0
SOC R103	Race and Ethnic Relations	3.0
<b>Total Required Major Units</b>		<b>18.0</b>
CSU General Education or IGETC Pattern		38-41
Double-Counted Units		-(6-15)
Electives (CSU transferable units needed to reach 60)		7-19
<b>Total Units required for the AA-T Degree</b>		<b>60</b>

★ **General Education: A.S./A.A. degrees require completion of the Oxnard College General Education pattern**