PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:
Political Science, the study of politics and government, examines ways and means by which societies identify and solve problems. The exercise of power in decision-making processes and its effect on societal resources is explored and weighed. Political values and beliefs are determined and evaluated for further depth of understanding. Political science courses enrich the general education program.

The Political Science Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) is suited to the needs of students who will complete their education at Chaffey College with an Associate in Arts degree, as well as those students who will complete their Chaffey Associate in Arts degree and transfer to a four year institution to complete their bachelor’s degree. Successful completion of the transfer degree in Political Science guarantees the student acceptance to a California State University (but does not guarantee acceptance to a particular campus or major) to pursue a baccalaureate degree, in preparation to pursue a career in the field of law, government service, city management, public administration, foreign service, journalism, business and teaching.

HOW DO I KNOW THIS MAJOR IS FOR ME?
• You enjoy working in a supportive role
• You have a strong interest in legal procedures
• You enjoy working with set schedules and routines
• You like working with data and numbers
• You are detail oriented
• You enjoy carrying out projects
• You enjoy leadership positions
• You have a cooperative attitude

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS ASSOCIATE DEGREE?
• Legal Assistant
• Political Campaign Assistant
• Grant Clerk
• Politician’s Assistant
• Legislative Aide
• Canvasser
• Activist
• Community Outreach
• Law Enforcement
• Eligibility Worker
• Social Services Assistant
• Correspondence Clerk

WHERE CAN I WORK?
This pathway provides you with a choice of various work environments including:
• Grassroots Organizations
• Campaign Offices
• Legislative Departments
• Public Affairs Offices
• Political Consulting Firms
• Non-Profit Organizations
• Campaign Startup Organizations
• City/County Offices
• Federal/State Government

WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL OUTLOOK?
The associate degree may lead to a position as a Legislative Assistant, which according to O*NETOnline in 2018 the median wage was $54,840 annually.

The job and wage outlook will vary based on the position selected within this major. To review current salary information and job outlook for other occupational titles, visit www.onetonline.org.

WHAT CAN I DO IN THE FUTURE WITH MORE EDUCATION?
The positions below require at least a bachelor’s degree in Political Science. According to O*NetOnline, the median salary in 2018 for Political Scientists in the United States was $115,110.
• College Professor
• High School Teacher
• Political Scientist
• Attorney
• Research Analyst
• Political Correspondent
• Legislators
• Lawyer
• Internal Affairs
• Correspondent
• Urban Planning
• Equal Opportunity Representative

For additional information about career pathways and to find out if this major is a good fit for you visit the Career Center located in MACC 203. Career information was collected from www.onetonline.org and www.bls.gov.
## MAJOR AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

To obtain the Political Science AA-T degree, students must:
- Complete all the major requirements listed below with grades of C or better.
- Complete a minimum of 60 CSU-transferable units with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or better.
- Complete either the California State University General Education Breadth pattern (CSUGE), or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC).

### LEGEND:

- **G=Grade**  
- **IP=In Progress**  
- **N=Need**  
- **Bold: Prerequisites**  
- **Plain Text: No Prerequisites**

### Major Requirements for the Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree: *(A361A/B)*

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**List B: Plus any two courses from the following:**

- Any from List A not used above or:

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**Units for the Major: 18-20 Units**

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$46 per unit for CA Residents