**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**PROGRAM**

- Associate in Arts for Transfer (A.A.-T)

**DESCRIPTION**

The Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer allows students to focus their major course work and required electives in a social science concerned with the description and analysis of political, and especially governmental, institutions and processes. Increasingly, the emphasis is placed on how governments deal with specific policy problems such as war and peace, poverty, crime, education, energy, pollution, or inter-group relations, and on the factors that affect these problems. The study of political science provides one with the concepts, theories and methods necessary to analyze these problems scientifically.

Fields for which BA graduates in political science are qualified are government work in the legislative or executive branches, the legal field as an attorney or paralegal, the military as an officer, a professional sales representative, or marketing professional.

**LEADS TO CAREER OPPORTUNITIES SUCH AS:**

- Attorney
- Government Employee
- Marketing Professional
- Military Officer
- Paralegal
- Professional Sales Representative

**TRANSFER PREPARATION**

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree may differ from those needed to prepare for transfer. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should schedule an appointment with a Hartnell College counselor to develop a student education plan before beginning their program.

**TRANSFER RESOURCES**

www.ASSIST.org – CSU and UC Articulation Agreements and Major Search Engine

CSU System Information - [http://www2.calstate.edu](http://www2.calstate.edu)

**FINANCIAL AID**

Paying for the cost of a college education requires a partnership among parents, students and the college. As the cost of higher education continues to rise we want you to know that Hartnell College offers a full array of financial aid programs, federal loan programs, and fee waivers.

[https://www.hartnell.edu/students/fa/net-price-calculator.html](https://www.hartnell.edu/students/fa/net-price-calculator.html)
### POLITICAL SCIENCE (AAT.POL)

#### ASSOCIATE IN ARTS FOR TRANSFER

**Program Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of this program a student will be able to:
- demonstrate an ability to evaluate the governmental structures established by the Constitution of the United States of America and the California State Constitution.
- apply critical thinking skills in reading, comprehending, and interpreting political science scholarship.
- employ political science research methods to address political questions using primary and secondary sources.

#### Required Major Courses (16 units)

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#### Major Electives (Complete 6 units)

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**SUBTOTAL: 22 UNITS**

#### General Education – Required Courses

*Students must complete one of the following General Education Plans:*

- **CSU-GE** *(see page 72)*  
  39 units
- **IGETC** *(see page 74)*  
  37 units

*Students can double-count required courses and courses for General Education*

- Electives (Courses Numbered 1-99) required when degree units plus GE units total fewer than 60.

**TOTAL: 60 UNITS**