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## East Los Angeles College

### Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer Degree (AA-T)

### 2023-2024

The Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer Degree Creates a transfer pathway for students who plan to complete a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science or similar major at a **California State University (CSU)**. With successful completion of this degree, students will possess foundational knowledge and skills that comprise the core content of the lower division requirements of many baccalaureate programs in Political Science. Students completing the Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer Degree will be able to apply, analyze and evaluate the leading theories and essential concepts in American Government, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Thought. This degree program provides preparation in Political Science Research Methodology as well as historical and comparative analysis of Women in Politics. Through this foundational knowledge, students completing the Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer Degree will be prepared for successful completion of a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

**Academic Plan Code: E033375G**

**Degree Requirements:** 60 CSU transferable units with a 2.0 GPA. Major courses must be passed with a minimum grade of "C" (or "P"). Completion of CSU GE or IGETC is required. *Complete additional CSU units, if needed, to reach 60 CSU transferable units.*

Required Core: Select three courses from the following (9 units):		C	IP	N
POL SCI 001	The Government of the United States (3 units)			
POL SCI 002	Introduction to Comparative Politics (3 units)			
POL SCI 005	The History of Western Political Thought (3 units)			
POL SCI 007	Introduction to International Relations (3 units)			

List A: Select two courses from the following: (6 units)			
Any course not selected from Core: _____ or			
POL SCI 050 or MATH 227 or MATH 227S or PSYCH 091 or ECON 020 or BUS 015; POL SCI 019			

List B: Select one course (3 units)			
Any course not selected above: _____ or			
AFRO AM 004, 005; ASIAN 001; CHICANO 007, 008, 047, 080; ECON 001, 002, 060; HISTORY 006, 011, 012, 052, 081, 082, 083; LAW 003; SOC 011, 022; POL SCI 040 or SOC 014			

**Total Units for the Major: 18**

<b>General Education: Full completion of GE required</b> <input type="checkbox"/> CSU GE Breadth or <input type="checkbox"/> IGETC Note: Major courses may be double counted towards general education.			
<b>Completion of 60 CSU transferable units</b>			

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C=completed IP=in progress N=need

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Counselor Signature

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# Associate Degrees for Transfer Frequently Asked Questions

## What is an AA-T and AS-T Degree?

AA-T and AS-T are acronyms for Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees that are designed specifically for transfer to the **California State University System**. The degrees are the results of Senate Bill 1440, a transfer bill that required the California Community Colleges to offer associate degrees for transfer in many of the most popular majors, and for the CSU to provide priority admission to California Community College students who have earned an AA-T or AS-T degree. These degrees can be completed in 60 transferable semester units (or 90 quarter units) and include coursework in general education, major preparation, and electives.

## How are the AA-T and AS-T degrees different from the associate degrees that community colleges already offer?

Students completing an AA-T or AS-T degree receive priority admission to the CSU system. Students who have completed an AA-T or AS-T and are admitted to a **CSU major that has been deemed similar** are guaranteed admission at junior standing, and the opportunity to complete a baccalaureate degree with 60 additional semester (or 90 quarter) units. AA-T and AS-T degrees are recognized by both the California Community College and CSU systems as a measure of preparation and readiness for transfer to upper-division course work at the CSU. Students should check with a counselor to see if their major is deemed similar at the CSU campuses they plan to apply to.

## What does it mean when you say “a degree with a guarantee”?

This program **guarantees** that students who earn an AA-T or AS-T degree from a California Community College will be admitted to a **California State University** campus. The campus you will be admitted to depends on several factors, such as the location of your community college, the program of study that a student intends to follow, and a student’s competitiveness for admission. The program also guarantees a student will enter the CSU system at junior standing, and only need to complete 60 additional semester units (or 90 quarter units) to earn a bachelor’s degree in a CSU program that has been deemed as similar.

## What is the benefit of earning an AA-T or AS-T degree?

Besides the benefit of completing community college coursework with an associate degree in hand, this program also provides students with the necessary preparation to transfer to the CSU system and complete a baccalaureate degree. Students with an AA-T or AS-T degree receive admission priority and guaranteed admission with junior status to the CSU system, along with the ability to complete a baccalaureate degree with only 60 additional semester units (or 90 quarter units) in a degree program that has been deemed similar.

## What are the requirements for earning an AA-T and AS-T degree?

Community college students should work with a counselor to develop an academic plan that includes the specific course requirements for their degree goals. In general, a student will be required to complete 60 transferable semester units (or 90 quarter units), which includes coursework in general education, major preparation, and elective courses. Students may complete either the CSU GE or IGETC general education pattern. Effective fall 2017, CSU GE Areas A1, A2, A3 and B4 must be completed with a grade of “C-” or higher per CSU EO 1100. All courses applied toward IGETC must be completed with a “C” or higher per the IGETC Standards. In some cases, the statewide Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC) template may limit the general education plan option. For example, the Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Science ADT’s require completion of CSU GE for STEM or IGETC for STEM.

*Note: CSU IGETC is not mandated per Senate Bill 1440, so students may be IGETC for UC certified without completion of Area 1C, Oral Communication. Students following this pattern should be advised that Oral Communication (IGETC 1C) is a CSU Admission Requirement. Students may be awarded an ADT degree using IGETC for UC. However, they will not be eligible for admission to a CSU campus without the 1C Oral Communication requirement. Students who elect to follow IGETC for UC will need to complete the LACCD ADT IGETC for UC Student Selection petition when petitioning for graduation. Please see a counselor for more information.*

For more information go to <https://icangotocollege.com/associate-degree-for-transfer>

ELAC Course	C-ID Descriptor #	ELAC Course	C-ID Descriptor #
ECON 001	ECON 201	POL SCI 002	POLS 130
ECON 002	ECON 202	POL SCI 005	POLS 120
HISTORY 011	HIST 130	POL SCI 007	POLS 140
HISTORY 012	HIST 140	POL SCI 050	POLS 160
POL SCI 001	POLS 110	SOC 011	SOCI 150

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