

# POLITICAL SCIENCE, ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (AA)

## Overview

The study of politics in our contemporary world is the study of how people govern themselves. We examine the process by which scarce resources are allocated to an expanding population with ever-increasing demands. We look at American politics as an experience in "self-government" and realize that our system is quite different, for example, from the political system developed by the People's Republic of China – and also different from other Western democracies. We examine these differences and attempt to understand something about the degree to which one system works better than another.

## Requirements

### Associate Degree Graduation Requirements

Complete all of the following:

1. All Department Requirements listed below with a "C" or better or "P" in each course (at least 20% of the department requirements must be completed through SBCC).
2. One of the following three General Education options:
  - a. OPTION 1: A minimum of 18 units of SBCC General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.sbccc.edu/degrees-certificates-awards/#associateddegreeestext>) (Areas A-D) and Institutional Requirements (Area E) and Information Competency Requirement (Area F) OR
  - b. OPTION 2: IGETC (<https://catalog.sbccc.edu/transfer-curricula/#igetctext>) Pattern OR
  - c. OPTION 3: CSU GE Breadth (<https://catalog.sbccc.edu/transfer-curricula/#csugebtext>) Pattern
3. A total of 60 degree-applicable units (SBCC courses numbered 100 and higher).
4. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better in all units attempted at SBCC.
5. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better in all college units attempted.
6. A minimum of 12 units through SBCC.

Code	Title	Units
<b>Department Requirements</b>		
POLS 101		3
POLS 121	International Politics	3-4
or POLS 121H	International Politics, Honors	
POLS 131	Comparative Politics	3
POLS 132	Political Thinking	3
Complete two courses from the following:		6-8
ANTH 103	Introduction To Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 109	Comparative World Cultures	
ANTH 113	Witchcraft, Magic, Science And Religion	
ASAM 101	Comparative Asian-American History, 1849-1965	
ASAM 102	Contemporary Asian-American History	

CHST 101	Mexican-American (Chicano) History In The U.S.
CHST 102	The Chicano And Latino In U.S. History, From The 1960's To The Present
CHST 103	Mexican-American (Chicano) Culture
CHST 121	The Chicana And Other Latina Women
ECON 101	Microeconomics
or ECON 101H	Microeconomics, Honors
ECON 102	Macroeconomics
or ECON 102H	Macroeconomics, Honors
ERTH 142/ GEOG 105	Economic Geography
ETHS 101	The Immigrant Experience in the U.S.
or ETHS 101H	The Immigrant Experience in the U.S., Honors
ETHS/SOC 107	Racism In America
ETHS 109	U.S.-Mexico And Other Borderlands
ETHS 121	Women of Color In The U.S.
ETHS 122	Arab-American/Middle Eastern Women In The U.S.
GEOG 102	Human Geography
GLST 101	Introduction to Global Studies
GLST 102	Global Problems
MATH 117	
or PSY 150	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences
or SOC 125	Introduction to Statistics in Sociology
NATA 102	The Native American In 20th Century Society
NATA 103	Native American Cultural Heritage
NATA 104	California Indians
HIST 101	History of the U.S. to 1877
HIST 102	History of the U.S. Since 1865
or HIST 102H	History Of The U.S. Since 1865, Honors
HIST 103	History of Western Civilization
HIST 104	History of Western Civilization
or HIST 113H	History Of Western Civilization: 1600 To Present, Honors
HIST 120	Modern Europe
HIST 121	History Of Great Britain
HIST 122	History Of Great Britain
HIST 127	History Of Russia
HIST 133	History of Latin America
HIST 134	History Of Latin America: 1800'S To Modern Period
HIST 135	History of Mexico
HIST 138	History of the Modern Middle East
PHIL 100	Introduction to Philosophy
or PHIL 100H	Introduction to Philosophy, Honors
PHIL 101	Introduction to Ethics
or PHIL 101H	Introduction To Ethics, Honors
PHIL 200	History Of Philosophy: Ancient
PHIL 201	History of Philosophy: Modern
POLS 104	American Government: Policy Issues/ Process

POLS 110	Politics, Society And The Mass Media
POLS 122	International Organizations: Global and Regional Governance
POLS 134H	Political Violence, Honors
POLS 136	Middle East Government And Politics
POLS 151	Law And Society
PSY 100 or PSY 100H	
PSY 145	Human Development
PSY 170	Abnormal Psychology
SOC 101 or SOC 101H	Introduction To Sociology Introduction to Sociology, Honors
SOC 104 or PSY 175	Social Psychology Social Psychology: Psychological Perspective
SOC 113	Sociology Of Sex and Gender
<b>Total Units</b>	
<b>18.00-21.00</b>	

## Learning Outcomes

Students majoring in Political Science should, at the end of their two years of study at the college, be able to achieve the following level of proficiency in this field. This measure is referred to as Student Learning Outcomes, and they are as follows for the Political Science Department:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of how people are governed and how they govern themselves
2. Analyze the role of government institutions in contemporary society
3. Demonstrate knowledge of key terms and core concepts of political systems

## Recommended Sequence

Make an appointment with your SBCC academic counselor through Starfish to create a Student Education Plan that reflects a recommended course sequence for this program that is tailored to your individual needs.

How to schedule an Academic Counseling appointment (<https://www.sbcc.edu/counselingcenter/counselingappointments.php>).