POLITICAL SCIENCE (For Transfer)

DEGREES, CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS

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

DESCRIPTION

Political Science, or Government, is the study of the acquisition and use of public power and authority. Politics and government affect everyone's life and impinge on activities in many fields. The introductory courses are for the student interested in learning about American Government and different political cultures in the world. The political science major is especially desirable for students who might work for civil government at any level, be commissioned as military officers or who intend to become lawyers. A major and/or minor in political science at a four-year institution is useful in such fields as economics, history, journalism and language or for those who hope to become executives in law enforcement or in many types of businesses. **The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing this degree (AA-T) are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major.**

ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAMS

The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) or the Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) degree is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing these degrees (AA-T or AS-T) are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. In order to earn one of these degrees, students must complete a minimum of 60 required semester units of CSU-transferable coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.0. Students transferring to a CSU campus that does accept the AA-T or AS-T will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree (unless the major is a designated "high-unit" major). This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to university or college that is not part of the CSU system. Students should consult with a counselor when planning to complete this degree for more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

TRANSFER PREPARATION

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree at Imperial Valley College may not be the same as those required for completing the major at a transfer institution offering a bachelor's degree. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should schedule an appointment with an IVC Counselor to develop a student education plan (SEP) before beginning their program.

Transfer Resources:

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

www.CSUMentor.org – CSU System Information

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/index.html - UC System Information

www.aiccu.edu – California Independent Colleges and Universities, Association of

http://wiche.edu/wue - Western Undergraduate Exchange Programs

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Of the career opportunities identified many will usually require the completion of degree requirements at 4-year colleges and universities.

- Administrative Analyst
- Budget Analyst
- Administrative Aide
- Administrator
- Administrative Assistant
- Lobbyist
- Personnel Manager
- Attorney
- Foreign Service Officer
- Campaign Aide
- Occupational Analyst
- Elected Official
- Government Worker
- Legislative Aide
- Political Economist
- Military Officer
- Public Information Officer
- Political Scientist
- Foreign Trade Specialist
- City Planner
- Public Relations Specialist
- Staff Member
- Public Opinion Surveyor

Gainful Employment: Federal regulations require institutions to provide students with Gainful Employment information for specific certificate programs offered at IVC. Please click on our Programs of Study link to view the information for each certificate program: **http://www.imperial.edu/courses-and-programs/programs-of-study/**

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 IVC offers a full array of financial aid programs – grants, work study, scholarships, and fee waivers (we do not participate in the federal loan programs). These programs are available to both full and part time students who are seeking a degree or certificate. For those who qualify, financial aid is available to help with tuition, fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and childcare. Please log onto our website for additional information: **www.imperial.edu/students/financial-aid-and-scholarships/**

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

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ALL COURSES FOR THIS MAJOR MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A MINIMUM GRADE OF "C" OR BETTER.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE

I. Units/GPA – Must complete a maximum of 60 CSU-transferable semester units with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. *NOTE: While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some institutions and majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information.*

II. General Education – Must complete one of the following general education transfer patterns:
A. California State University General Education Breadth Pattern (CSU GE-B) – 39 units minimum
B. Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) – 37 units minimum

III. Eighteen (18) units required for the major.

A. Required for the Major

POLS	102	American Government & Politics	**3.0**
B. Select a minimum of nine to ten (9-10) units from:			**9.0-10.0**
POLS	100	Introduction to Political Science (3.0)	
POLS	104	Comparative Politics (3.0)	
POLS	106	Introduction to International Relations (3.0)	
MATH	119	Elementary Statistics (4.0)	
C. Select six (6) units from:			**6.0**

Any courses not selected above, any CSU transfereable political science courses, and/or other courses that are articulated as lower division preparation for the political science major at a CSU, or any CSU transferable introductory course in the social sciences (i.e., articulated as filling CSU GE Area D.)

ANTH	102	Cultural Anthropology (3.0)
ECON	101	Introduction to Micro Economics (3.0)
ECON	102	Intro to Macro Economics (3.0)
GEOG	102	Cultural Geography (3.0)
HIST	100	Early World History (3.0)
or		
HIST	101	Modern World History (3.0)
HIST	110	Early Western Civilization (3.0)
or		
HIST	111	Modern Western Civilization (3.0)

Total Major Units	18.0-19.0
CSU-GE or IGETC Pattern	37.0-39.0
Electives (as needed to reach 60 degree applicable units)	____
Total Maximum Units:	**60.0**