A Course of Study for

POLITICAL SCIENCE - Transfer

Political scientists study the origin, development, and operation of political systems and public policy. Some study the actions of foreign governments, political parties, or revolutionary movements. Others analyze topics such as public opinion, decision making, or the uses of ideology and public policy. They may conduct surveys, analyze election results, review Supreme Court decisions, or actions of legislative bodies, or analyze the content of media articles. Some do academic research, write, or teach. Others work on applied problems for federal agencies, legislative committees, or individual office holders seekers. Some career titles include lawyer, politician or director of polling and survey projects.

For additional career possibilities, visit the Career Services Center on the main campus to utilize computerized career information systems and other valuable career resources.

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<td>Students planning to transfer to a four-year college should complete the lower-division major requirements and the general education pattern for the appropriate transfer institution. Santa Monica College has articulation agreements for this major with the following UC, CSU, and private institutions. Exact major requirements for these and other UC and CSU campuses can be found online <a href="http://www.assist.org">www.assist.org</a>. Articulation agreements with private institutions can be found online at <a href="http://www.smc.edu/articulation">www.smc.edu/articulation</a>.</td>
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Along with meeting minimum admission requirements, one of the most important aspects of a successful transfer is the completion of significant coursework in the major prior to transfer, for two very specific reasons.

- One, completion of major coursework makes you more attractive for admission, especially for the more competitive universities.
- Two, completion of major coursework at SMC prior to transfer will allow you to transfer and graduate from the university in a timelier manner.

Assist.org has listed the exact courses that you should complete at SMC to satisfy lower-division major requirements prior to transfer to public California universities, but not all majors at all universities are included at this site.

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**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO**  
International Studies B.A. - Political Science  
Political Science B.A.  
- Political Science - American Politics  
- Political Science - Comparative Politics  
- Political Science B.A. - International Relations  
- Political Science B.A. - Political Theory  
- Political Science B.A. - Public Law  
- Political Science B.A. - Public Policy  

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA**  
Political Science B.A.  
- Political Science B.A. - Public Service Emphasis  

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ**  
Latin American and Latino Studies/Politics B.A.  
Politics B.A.  

**California State University**  
**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD**  
Political Science B.A.  
- Political Science B.A. - American Politics Emphasis  

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHANNEL ISLANDS**  
Political Science B.A.  

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO**  
Political Science B.A.  

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, DOMINGUEZ HILLS**  
Hispanic Studies B.A. - Historical and Political Development Concentration  
Political Science B.A.  
- Political Science B.A. - General Concentration  

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY**  
Political Science B.A. - Pre-Law Option  
Political Science B.A. - Public Affairs and Administration Option  

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO**  
Political Science B.A.  

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON**  
Political Science B.A.  

**HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY**  
Political Science B.A.  

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH**  
Political Science B.A.  

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES**  
Political Science B.A.  
- Political Science B.A. - General Political Science Option  
- Political Science B.A. - Global Politics Option  
- Political Science B.A. - Prelegal Option  
- Political Science B.A. - Public Administration Option  

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, MONTEREY BAY**  
Human Communication B.A.  
- Human Communication B.A. - Peace Studies Concentration  
- Human Communication B.A. - Practical and Professional Ethics Concentration  

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHridge**  
Political Science B.A. - Politics and Government Option  
Political Science B.A. - Public Policy and Management Option  

**CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, POMONA**  
Political Science B.S.  

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**SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY**  
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General education requirements for the California State University campuses are listed on a separate sheet in the Transfer/Counseling Center, as well as online (go to [www.smc.edu/articulation](http://www.smc.edu/articulation)).

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**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF PARIS, FRANCE**
- International and Comparative Politics: **Political Science 2, 5, 7, 8, 51 (same as Philosophy 51); Geography 2**
- AUP accepts IGETC. See [www.smc.edu/articulation](http://www.smc.edu/articulation) for general education requirements and admission criteria.

**ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY**
- B.A. Political Science: **Political Science 1, 2, 7, 51 (same as Philosophy 51)**
- B.S. Political Science: **Political Science 1, 2, 7, 51 (same as Philosophy 51)**
  - ASU lower-division general education requirements can be fulfilled by completing IGETC to include lab science course in both 5A and 5B.
  - ASU lower-division general education requirements can be fulfilled by completing CSU GE pattern to include lab science in both B1 and B2 and a second English Composition course in A3.

**Transfer Credit Guide - Course Search**
- Search for an equivalent course at ASU. Find the college courses you took at another institution and evaluate how those credits will transfer to ASU: [https://webapp4.asu.edu/transfercreditguide/app/home](https://webapp4.asu.edu/transfercreditguide/app/home)

**CITY COLLEGE OF LONDON, ENGLAND**
- International Politics
- See [www.smc.edu/articulation](http://www.smc.edu/articulation) for general education admission requirements.

**JOHN CABOT UNIVERSITY, ROME, ITALY**
- Political Science: **CIS 1; Political Science 2, 7**
- International Affairs (Validated by the University of Wales): **CIS 1; Political Science 2, 7; recommended course: Math 21**
- This university is U.S. regionally accredited. See [www.smc.edu/articulation](http://www.smc.edu/articulation) for general education admission requirements.

**LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY**
- B.A. Political Science
- Core requirements for this major can be found online on the LMU website: [http://www.lmu.edu/resources/articulation/list/santa_monica/Santa_Monica_College_2009-10_Lower_Division_Major_Requirements/Political_Science.htm](http://www.lmu.edu/resources/articulation/list/santa_monica/Santa_Monica_College_2009-10_Lower_Division_Major_Requirements/Political_Science.htm)

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MILLS COLLEGE

B.A. Political, Legal and Economic Analysis

Minimum: Complete one semester of economics from the following: Economics 1 or 2; optimal, also complete two of the following: CS 3; English 31; Math 2; Political Science 1; Philosophy 7, 9; Psychology 1; Sociology 1

“Minimum” is the minimum coursework needed in order to complete a B.A. in the associated major in two years, requiring multiple “heavy” semesters with three or four science courses in one semester. Students on a four-year B.A. path typically take two science or math courses each semester. “Minimum” coursework will not enable a student to complete a B.S. two years. Students who do not meet the “minimum” pre-requisites may be able to complete the program, given extra time or some summer coursework, and should contact the departmental representatives below.

“Optimal” is the additional coursework to put a transfer student on the same schedule as a student who entered Mills College as a freshman, for the B.A. program. Students who enter at this level will also be able to complete the B.S. by taking one or more semesters with 4 science courses and/or some summer coursework.

“Recommended” courses are specifically for students interested in the B.S. degree. In the B.S. program, students typically take 3 science and/or math courses after the freshman year. With the recommended coursework completed, transfer students should not need to take more than 3 science/math courses in one semester to complete the B.S. degree.

THE SCHOOLS LISTED ABOVE ARE WHERE MOST SMC STUDENTS TRANSFER TO, BUT THERE ARE MANY OTHER TRANSFER DESTINATION OPPORTUNITIES!