# Bachelor of Arts in Political Science – POLS Associate Degree for Transfer Roadmap

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¹ Must be completed with a grade of C or better.
² May take one course from list of approved Social Sciences courses.
³ Must take all units listed as a requirement.

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Breadth Requirement (9-12 units)
Upper-division Political Science courses chosen to include at least one course in at least three of these four sub-fields:

**American Politics**
- PLSI 460 Topics in American Politics (4 units)
- PLSI 461 Voting Behavior, Campaigns, and Elections (4 units)
- PLSI 462 Applied Public Opinion Research (4 units)
- PLSI 463 The Politics of Immigration in the United States (4 units)
- PLSI 464 Race and American Politics (4 units)
- PLSI 465 Reason, Passion, and Political Behavior (4 units)
- PLSI 467 Politics and Community Organizing (4 units)
- PLSI 472 Civic and Political Engagement (4 units)
- PLSI 473 California Politics and Government (4 units)
- PLSI 475 San Francisco Political Issues (4 units)
- PLSI 477 Congress and the Presidency (4 units)
- PLSI 479 The United States Congress (4 units)
- PLSI 512 Urban Politics and Community Power (4 units)

**Comparative Politics**
- PLSI 328 Domestic and Foreign Policy: Post-Communist Regions (4 units)
- PLSI 403 Cases in Comparative Politics (4 units)
- PLSI 404 Politics of China (4 units)
- PLSI 406 Radical Right Politics: Far-Right Parties in Contemporary Europe (4 units)
- PLSI 407 Politics of Russia (4 units)
- PLSI 408 Mexican Politics and Society (3 units)
- PLSI 410 Middle East Politics (4 units)
- PLSI 411 East Asian Politics (4 units)
- PLSI 412 South Asian Politics (4 units)
- PLSI 415 Politics of India (4 units)
- PLSI 416 Ethnicity and Nationalism (4 units)
- PLSI 417 Gender, Equality, and Politics: A Comparative Perspective (4 units)
- PLSI 418 Political Transitions in East & Southeast Asia (4 units)
- PLSI 419 Comparative Political Economy (4 units)
- PLSI 420 State-Society Relations in the Middle East (4 units)
- PLSI 421 Social Movements in the Francophone World (3 units)
- PLSI 424 Social Movements (4 units)
- PLSI 425 Imagining Power in the Middle East (4 units)
- PLSI 431 Constructing Kurdistan (4 units)
- PLSI 435 Politics of Global Finance and Crisis (4 units)

**Political Theory**
- PLSI 351GW Political Theory: The Classical Tradition - GWAR (4 units)
- PLSI 352 Political Theory: Reformation to Nineteenth Century (4 units)
- PLSI 353 Political Theory: The Twentieth Century (4 units)
- PLSI 354 Politics, the Environment, and Social Change (4 units)
- PLSI 355 Politics and Ethics of the Consumer Society (3 units)
- PLSI 356 Political Theories of Neoliberalism (4 units)
- PLSI 357GW Political Movements: Lessons from Freedom Summer - GWAR (4 units)
- PLSI 360 Development of American Political Thought (4 units)
- PLSI 371 Marxist Political Theory (4 units)
- PLSI 372 Critical Political Theory (4 units)
- PLSI 381 Political Theories of Sexuality (4 units)
- PLSI 382 Politics and Literature (4 units)
- PLSI 386 Introduction to Critical Social Thought (3 units)
- PLSI 387 Non Western Comparative Political Thought (4 units)
- PLSI 388 Politics and the Popular (4 units)
- PLSI 389 Latin American Revolutionary Societies (4 units)
- PLSI 392 Latin American Political Thought (4 units)
- PLSI 393 Anarchist Political Theory (4 units)
- PLSI 394 Political Theories of Work, Labor and Free Time (4 units)
- PLSI 396 Fascism and Communism in 20th Century Europe (4 units)

**Public Law**
- PLSI 478 Judicial Process (4 units)
- PLSI 552 Individual Rights and the Constitution (4 units)
- PLSI 553 Legal Issues (4 units)
- PLSI 555 Moot Court (4 units)
- PLSI 610 Judicial and Legal Internship (3 units)
- PLSI 611 Judicial and Legal Internship Seminar (1 units)

**Electives (8-11 Units)**
It is recommended that elective units be taken in Political Science. However, up to eight upper-division units may be selected from related departments with consent of a major advisor.
- PLSI 100 Understanding Politics (3 units)
- PLSI 105 Principles of Government and Politics (3 units)
- PLSI 106 Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy: Introduction to Political Economy (3 units)
- PLSI 150 Contemporary Moral/Political Issues (3 units)
- PLSI 276 Public Lecture Series in Politics (2 units)
- PLSI 320 Political Forum (2 units)
- PLSI 321 Development and Foreign Policy–Africa (4 units)
- PLSI 322 Latin American Political Analysis (4 units)
- PLSI 325 Chinese Foreign Policy (4 units)
- PLSI 329 U.S.-Japan Politics (4 units)
- PLSI 342 Strategy and War (4 units)
- PLSI 352 Domestic & Transnational Sources of US Foreign Policy (4 units)
- PLSI 373 Essentials of California Politics (1 units)
- PLSI 395 Political Theories of Pedagogy and Community Activism (3 units)
- PLSI 430 Israeli Democracy: Politics, Institutions, and Society (3 units)
- PLSI 492 Research Methods (4 units)
- PLSI 493 Data Analysis (4 units)
- PLSI 500 Labor and Government (3 units)
- PLSI 544 Women in the World (4 units)
- PLSI 560 Urban Poverty and Policy (4 units)
- PLSI 570 Urban Health Policy (3 units)
- PLSI 580 Housing Policy and Planning (3 units)
- PLSI 660 The Roles of Nonprofit Organizations in Urban Life (3 units)
- PLSI 685 Projects in the Teaching of Political Science (1-4 units)
- PLSI 699 Independent Study (1-4 units)

**Culminating Experience (3-4 units)**
- PLSI 605 Senior Seminar: Student’s Choice Empirical Research Project (4 units)
- PLSI 606 Senior Seminar in American Politics (3 units)
- PLSI 607 Senior Seminar in Comparative Politics (3 units)
- PLSI 608 Senior Seminar in Political Theory (3 units)
- PLSI 609 Senior Seminar in Public Law: Legal Issues (3 units)
- PLSI 612 Senior Seminar Study Abroad: At Beijing University (3 units)

To Do at SF State:
Enough total units to reach 120 minimum for graduation; 40 units minimum at the upper division level; to include the following:

**University–Wide Requirements: 9–15 units**
- ENG 214 or equivalent A4 course (0-3 units) if not taken before transfer
- American Institutions (0–3 units): US History requirement if not completed prior to transfer. Please note: the US Government and
California State and Local Government requirements were most likely completed as part of the AA-T. Check DPR to see whether this requirement is satisfied. If not, complete the requirement in place of a University Elective.

- Upper division GE, areas B, C, D (9 units) – Check for PLSI courses that will satisfy both a major requirement and GE UD-D.
- Students entering this major with the AA-T in Political Science are not required to fulfill SF State Studies requirements.
- Complementary Studies: consult with a department advisor on how transfer units and/or SF State units can be applied to ensure degree completion within 60 units.

**Political Science Major: 31–38 Units**

PLSI 200 met in transfer.

- Core (4–10 units): PLSI 300, and PLSI 250 and PLSI 275 if not met in transfer
- University GWAR requirement: Take one upper-division course with GW suffix from either breadth or elective category.
- Breadth requirement (9-12 units): One upper division course from three of four sub-fields: American politics; comparative politics; political theory; public law. Note: PLSI courses are three or four units. See note 1 above.
- Electives (8-11 units): Up to eight upper-division units from areas outside of PLSI may be used with consent of a major advisor. See note 2 above.
- Senior Seminar: Culminating Experience (3–4 units): See note 3 above.

**University Electives: Six or More Units**

Depends on course choices made at the community college, how transferred units are applied to the requirements above, and course choices at SF State - some courses may meet more than one requirement, e.g. in both UD GE and the major.