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

This is a sample pathway for students who transfer to San Francisco State University in the current Bulletin year with an AA-T in Political Science. At least three units in the major (PLSI 200) and all lower-division GE requirements have been satisfied. Additional units in the major may have been satisfied. Check with a major advisor about the most appropriate course sequence. Degree completion guaranteed in 60 units; see the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) section for more information (http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-admissions/transfer-students).

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**Roadmap**

1. **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 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 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 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 351 Political Theory: The Classical Tradition (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 385 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 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)

2. **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 320 Political Forum (2 units)
   - PLSI 321 Development and Foreign Policy: Africa (4 units)
   - PLSI 322 Latin American Policy 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 362 Domestic & Transnational Sources of U.S. 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)

3. **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)

**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: 9–12 units**

- 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): Courses required for the major may double-count if approved for UD GE.
- 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: Nine 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.