POLITICAL SCIENCE

DESCRIPTION
Political Science is an academic and research discipline that deals with the theory and practice of politics, and the description and analysis of political systems/processes, political behavior and political actors. Political science is commonly divided into five distinct sub-disciplines which together constitute the field: political theory, comparative politics, public administration, international relations, and public law. The Political Science program provides students with a core curriculum that will prepare them with the knowledge and skills required to succeed in the study of political science. Students will develop skills for critical/analytical thinking, perceptive reading/observation and interpretation, statistics analysis, and civic awareness and participation.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS
An Associate Degree, depending on the focus of study, is designed to prepare students for transfer into upper division course work in a bachelor's degree program, or, to prepare students to enter the workforce in a particular vocational field. To qualify for an Associate's Degree, a student must: (1) complete each intraspecific course required for the degree with at least a “C” grade or better, (2) complete all Cuesta College general education, graduation and residency requirements, and (3) achieve an overall grade point average of 2.0 for all courses attempted (major, general education, elective).

DEGREES, CERTIFICATES & AWARDS
• Associate in Arts for Transfer (A.A.-T.)
• Associate in Arts (A.A.)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
• Advocate/Organizer
• Ambassador
• Budget Analyst
• Campaign Worker
• City Planner/Manager
• Community Relations Director
• Compliance Managers
• Congressional Staff Member
• Diplomat
• Education Policy Analyst
• Federal Agency Employee
• Investment Fund Managers
• Labor Relations Specialist
• Lobbyist
• Media Specialist
• Political Science Teachers, Postsecondary
• Political Scientists
• Regulatory Affairs Managers
• Social Workers

Gainful Employment: Federal regulations require institutions to provide students with Gainful Employment information for specific certificate programs offered at Cuesta College. Information for each certificate program can be found by following this link: www.cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/finaid/gainfulemployment

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE FOR TRANSFER PROGRAM

Political Science — Associate in Arts for Transfer

Required Core: 1 course, 3 credits
POLS 202... Government And Politics Of The United States. 3
List A (1): 2 courses, 6 credits
POLS 201.... Introduction To Political Science ........................................3
POLS 204.... World Politics ........................................................................3
POLS 206..... Comparative Government .....................................................3
POLS 209.... Introduction To Political Theory ..............................................3
List A (2): 1 course, 3-4 credits
MATH 236.... Introduction To Applied Statistics ........................................3
or MATH 247. Introduction To Statistics ..................................................4
List B: 2 courses, 6 credits
Any course(s) not selected from List A ......................................................3
Any course(s) approved for CSUGE Area D Social and Behavioral
  Sciences. .....................................................................................................3
POLS 205 Law and Politics is recommended

Total Credits: ................................................................................................18 - 19

"P" (Pass) grade is acceptable for major coursework in the Associate Degrees for Transfer.
In addition to major preparation course work listed above, completion of the CSU GE or
IGETC pattern is mandatory.
Courses completed for the major can also be double counted towards GE, where
appropriate. See a counselor for details.
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TRANSFER PREPARATION

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree may differ from
those needed to prepare to transfer.
Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should
schedule an appointment with a Cuesta College counselor to develop a student
education plan (SEP) before beginning their program.

TRANSFER RESOURCES:

CSU and UC Articulation Agreements and Majors Search Engine:
www.ASSIST.org
CSU System Information:
www2.calstate.edu

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 Cuesta College offers a full array of financial
aid programs—grants, work study, scholarships, federal loan programs,
and fee waivers. 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.cuesta.edu/student/
studentservices/finaid
ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Political Science — Associate in Arts

Required Courses (18 credits)

POLS 201 . . . Introduction To Political Science ..................3
POLS 202 . . . Government And Politics Of The United States ..........3
POLS 204 . . . World Politics ........................................3
POLS 205 . . . Law And Politics ........................................3
POLS 206 . . . Comparative Government ................................3
POLS 209 . . . Introduction To Political Theory .....................3

Plus 9 credits from the following:

ECON 201A . . Principles Of Macroeconomics .......................3
HIST 203A * . . History Of World Civilizations ...................3
HIST 203B * . . History Of World Civilizations ...................3
HIST 204A * . . History Of Western Civilization ..................3
HIST 204B * . . History Of Western Civilization ..................3
HIST 207A * . . History Of The United States .......................3
HIST 207B * . . History Of The United States .......................3
HIST 208A * . . History Of Latin America ..........................3
HIST 208B * . . History Of Latin America ..........................3
HIST 210 * . . History Of California ................................3
HIST 212 . . History Of Mexican Americans .......................3
HIST 233 . . History Of African Americans ........................3
PHIL 206 . . Introduction To Philosophy ............................3
or PHIL 208 . . Introduction To Logic ................................3
PSYC 206 . . Introduction To Social Psychology ....................3
SOC 206 . . Race And Ethnic Relations ..............................3

Total Credits: ......................................................... 27

*No more than 6 credits

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