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 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.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES
1. Use critical thinking skills to develop an understanding of the international community.
2. Develop an appreciation and understanding of the American political system from historical, political, economic, and social perspectives.
3. Develop an understanding of the world’s major political ideologies to include liberalism, socialism, communism, and conservatism.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM (For Transfer)
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.

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/

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.edu – CSU System Information
www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/index.html - UC System Information
www.aiicc.edu – California Independent Colleges and Universities, Association of
http://wiche.edu/wue - Western Undergraduate Exchange Programs

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/
ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

POLITICAL SCIENCE
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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:
      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:
      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