

Dear Prospective Political Science/International Relations Student:

The fields of political science and international relations are exciting and dynamic. As a student and as a person employed in a global business entity, a government agency, an IGO or NGO, you will enjoy a career that will be global in education and practice.

CRC offers an AAT (Associate of Arts Transfer degree) that allows students to explore the fields political science or international relations (IR) at the community college, and then transfer to a university.

To transfer to the University of California system (UC) or California State University system (CSU), students need a minimum of 60 transfer units, including units in their major field. For political science and IR, the number of major-specific units is 18. This includes five core courses: US Government (Pols 301), Comparative Politics (Pols 302), International Relations (Pols 310), Political Theory (Pols 320) and Statistics for Social Science (Pols 382).

The rest of the units are comprised of electives designed to broaden the students' horizons. These include courses such International Political Economy (Pols 311) which focuses on the globalized economy in an interconnected world. Revolutions and Ideologies (Pols 324) focuses on governmental and societal transformations borne from ideas. Our Global Studies courses offer region-specific courses that focus on politics in parts of the world such as Africa, Asia or Latin America. Our California Politics course (Pols 304) provides an in-depth look at state politics and satisfies the transfer requirement for the CSUs.

Most of our students exceed the minimum number of courses required as they take an elective per semester (and sometimes in summer), bringing their completed discipline courses to at least 10. Our students transfer thoroughly grounded and competitive in their knowledge of both the discipline and the world.

An ideal two- year schedule would look like this:

FIRST YEAR

FALL – 1ST SEMESTER

Pols 301: US Government
English (CRC transfer requirement)
Math 120 (as pre-req for PolSci 382)

SPRING – 2ND SEMESTER

Pols 302: Comparative Government
Pols 311: Int'l. Pol. Economy (or)
Global Studies Offering

SUMMER SESSION

Global Studies Offering
Pols 304: California Politics

SECOND YEAR

FALL SEMESTER (3rd Semester)

Pols 310: Intro to IR
Pols 320: Intro to Pol. Theory
Global Studies Offering

SPRING SEMESTER (4th Semester)

Pols 382: Statistics
Global Studies Offering (or)
Pols 324 Revolutions and Ideologies

In addition to robust course offerings, we traditionally offer various extra-curricular activities every year including Model United Nations, publishing in *Globus Mundi*, our student journal, and a variety of

internships, both on and off campus. This year, due to COVID 19, these activities are significantly impacted.

**COSUMNES RIVER COLLEGE
POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATE in ARTS for TRANSFER DEGREE**

Required Program 15

POLS 301	Introduction to Government: United States	3
POLS 302	Comparative Politics	3
POLS 310	Introduction to International Relations	3
POLS 320	Introduction to Political Theory	3
POLS 382	Statistics for Social Science	3

A minimum of 3 units from the following electives: 3

POLS311	International Political Economy	3
POLS312	Politics of the Middle East	3
POLS313	Latin America	3
POLS314	Modern Europe and the Unification Process	3
POLS315	Pacific Rim	3
POLS317	Global Studies: Africa	3
POLS318	Global Studies: Central Asia	3
POLS319	Global Studies: Southeast Asia	3
POLS324	Revolutions & Ideologies	3

Total Units: 18

NOTE: The regional courses listed above (312, 313, 314, 315, 317, 318 and 319) are rotated on a semester basis. IPE is offered in the fall semester only. PolSci 324: Revolutions & Ideologies, is offered in the spring semester every other year. Its format requires in person instruction – something COVID 19 has impacted for the academic year 2020-2021.

Incoming freshmen are required to meet with a faculty member to discuss the major, electives and internships. General Education transfer requirements for UC transfer (IGTC program) can easily be planned by consulting www.assist.org or through CRC's Counseling Department.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

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