

Board of Trustees Agenda Item

Board Meeting Date:

August 27, 2012

Title of Item: Approval of Associate in Arts Degree in Political Science for Transfer

Background and Analysis:

The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (Senate Bill 1440, now codified in California Education Code sections 66746-66749) guarantees admission to a California State University (CSU) campus for any community college student who completes an “associate degree for transfer”, a newly established variation of the associate degrees traditionally offered at a California community college. The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) or the Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) 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).

De Anza College seeks Board approval for application to the State Chancellor's Office for a new degree developed based on Transfer Model Curriculum in order to fulfill the requirements set forth in SB1440 Legislation. The following application is being made for state approval:

Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer (AA-T)

De Anza's Curriculum Committee has approved this Associate Degree for Transfer.

Recommendation: De Anza President Brian Murphy recommends approval

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Is backup provided?	Yes

Development Criteria Narrative

Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer

Criteria A: Appropriateness to Mission

1. Statement of Program Goals and Objectives

The Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in Political Science at a CSU campus. Students completing this degree are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. Students transferring to a CSU campus that does accept this degree will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree. This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to a university or college that is not part of the CSU system. In all cases, students should consult with a counselor for more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

This degree will prepare students to pursue further study and achievement of a baccalaureate degree in the discipline of Political Science. Students in this major should be able to evaluate how political decisions are shaped by institutions and processes, to assess the impact of political decisions on individuals and groups, to demonstrate the capacity to critically analyze and apply political values, and to demonstrate the capacity to participate effectively in the political process. The goal of the program is to prepare students with the tools to become more fully engaged, empowered, and educated participants in the U.S. political system.

2. Catalog Description

The Political Science major consists of courses appropriate for an Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer degree, which provides a foundational understanding of the discipline, a breadth of coursework in the discipline, and preparation for transfer to any CSU that accepts the Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC).

Upon completion of this degree, students will be able to:

- Evaluate how political decisions are shaped by institutions and processes;
- Assess the impact of political decisions on individuals and groups;
- Demonstrate the capacity to critically analyze and apply political values;
- Demonstrate the capacity to participate effectively in the political process.

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(semester) units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree. This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to a university or college that is not part of the CSU system. In all cases, students should consult with a counselor for more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

To earn this degree, students must meet the following requirements:

- completion of the following major requirements with grades of C or better;
- completion of 90 CSU-transferable quarter units with a grade point average of at least 2.0; and
- certified completion of either the California State University General Education Breadth pattern (CSU GE) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC).

3. Program Requirements

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Course Number	Course Title	Quarter Units
REQUIRED Core		
POLI 1	Introduction to American Government and Politics	4
LIST A: Complete any three courses		12 - 13
POLI 2	Introduction to Comparative Politics (4 units)	
POLI 3	Introduction to International Relations (4 units)	
POLI 5	Introduction to Political Thought and Theory (4 units)	
PSYC/SOC 15	Basic Statistics and Research Methods in Social and Behavioral Sciences (4 units)	
OR		
MATH 10	Elementary Statistics and Probability (5 units)	
LIST B: Select 3 courses from the following		12
POLI 15	Grassroots Democracy: Race, Politics and the American Promise	
POLI 16	Grassroots Democracy: Social Movements Since the 1960s	
POLI 17	Grassroots Democracy: Leadership and Power	
POLI 33	Introduction to Peace and Conflict	
POLI 60	Women, Gender and Politics	
ADMJ 29	Cultural Pluralism and American Law and Justice	
ANTH 2	Cultural Anthropology	
ECON 1	Principles of Macroeconomics	
ECON 2	Principles of Microeconomics	
E S 1	Introduction to Environmental Studies	
GEO 10	World Regional Geography	
HIST/ICS 3C	World History	
ICS/SOC 4	Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality	
ICS/PHIL 17	Critical Consciousness and Social Change	
ICS 55	Civic Leadership for Community Empowerment	
PHIL 10	Philosophy of Democracy	
SOC 5	Sociology of Globalization and Social Change	
		28

Total units for the Major:

28-29 quarter units

CSU GE or IGETC Pattern:

47-61

Transferable Electives

0-15

(as needed to reach 90 transferable units)

DEGREE TOTAL:

90 QUARTER Units

4. Background and Rationale

Faculty in the Political Science Department at De Anza reviewed the Political Science TMC and discussed the merits of creating a transfer degree with this model. It was decided that the TMC option would provide an additional option to students with this major who would earn this degree and want to transfer into the major at a CSU in the future.

Criteria B: Need

6. Place of Program in Curriculum/Similar Programs (at your college)

Currently, there are no other certificate or degree programs in Political Science at De Anza.

Criteria C: Curriculum Standards

TMC Political Science template, course outlines, and transfer applicability reports are included as part of this application.

Criteria D: Adequate Resources

There are adequate resources currently available with regards to facilities and equipment and library resources. Moreover, there are enough faculty within the Political Science discipline to support the classes offered in this degree program.

Criteria E: Compliance

There are no enrollment restrictions specific to this program. There are no licensing or accrediting standards that apply to this program.