
Associate of Arts in POLITICAL SCIENCE



This discipline involves the study of political behavior both within and outside of formal governing structures and systems.

Skill Development

Analytical Thinking
Civic Awareness
Information Literacy
Persuasive Writing
Reading Comprehension

Five Potential Career Paths*

- Work for a nonprofit organization that addresses community problems (e.g., civil rights, environmental degradation)
- Serve in a state or federal agency that protects workers, consumers, etc.
- Research policy issues for a think tank to help elected officials craft legislation
- After graduating law school, become a practicing attorney in local government or a private law firm
- Complete a certification program and teach at the high school level

Transfer Degree

***Note: All suggestions require coursework beyond LTCC.**

Political Science...

...is composed of multiple sub-fields of specialization (e.g., American politics, political theory). This program is designed for students to not only develop a foundational understanding of the discipline and prepare them for coursework at a university, but also teach them ways they can partake in the democratic process to shape policy in its many forms.

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Political Science*

- Job Outlook: +6% change in employment, 2019-29 (faster than average)
- Pay (median annual wages, May 2020):
 - Professional, scientific, and professional services: \$136,640
 - Federal government, excluding postal service: \$133,460
 - Civic and similar organizations: \$87,910
 - Educational services: \$75,260

Lake Tahoe Community College's Course Offerings

POL 100: Introduction to Political Science

POL 101: American Government

POL 107: Introduction to Political Theory

POL 204: Introduction to International Relations

POL 206: Introduction to Comparative Politics

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***Note: Salary depends on multiple factors, including the level of education attained and the type of position held.**
