

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

## Program Description

The major in Political Science aims to provide a foundational understanding of political processes and institutions. The study of political science is of value to ensure that all persons have knowledge of the political systems that govern their lives. The mission of the political science department aligns with the mission statement of Mt. San Jacinto College by providing an education in political science to a diverse student body. A political science degree prepares students for possible career opportunities in a variety of areas including law, government service, education, journalism, and business.

Political Science Department Page (<https://www.msjc.edu/politicalscience/>)

## Transfer Preparation

MSJC offers a wide range of course work that prepares students for the workforce or for transfer to four-year colleges and universities. All four-year institutions prescribe their own standards for course evaluation and admissions. Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree in a program at MSJC might not be the same as those required for transfer into a similar major at a four-year university. Please meet with a Counselor to confirm transfer requirements.

Transfer students are advised to do research on prospective majors and careers. The MSJC Transfer Center and MSJC catalog can be helpful tools. Students interested in transferring to CSU's or UC's can access major preparation by visiting ASSIST (<http://www.assist.org>). All students are advised to meet with a counselor at least once a semester to create or update their comprehensive education plan.

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## Degrees/Certificates

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#### Transfer Degree

- Political Science, A.A-T (<https://catalog.msjc.edu/instructional-programs/political-science/political-science-aat/>)

## Program Learning Outcomes

- Analyze and critique current political topics and issues.
- Analyze and evaluate the behavior of political institutions, organizations, and individuals.
- Evaluate the validity of their political opinions and the opinions of others.

- Engage in political participation, including but not limited to, participation in community and political organizations.

## Careers and Salaries

Discover in-demand careers and education options based on your interests! See the list of careers below or explore further by searching for **Careers or Programs** (<https://msjc.emsicc.com>).

Note: There are no guaranteed positions for students completing these programs. Education and work experience required will vary by employer. The salary and benefits for specific occupations will be dependent on work experience, education, background, and employer. Labor market statistics are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Census Bureau, O-NET, EMSI.

Career/Industries	CA Annual Median Salary or Range	Employment Demand or Opening CA
Lawyer (M, D)	\$138,230	5,511
Political Science Teacher Postsecondary (D)	\$100,889	12,878
Political Scientist (M, D)	\$94,653	19

(degree required: SM some college, C: Certificate, A: Associate degree, B: Bachelor's degree, M: Master's degree, D: Doctorate)