



**Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts
Political Science
Transfer Guide – Pueblo Community College Student Transferring to:
Colorado State University Pueblo
Effective Starting 2026-27**

I. General Education Courses

	Credit Hours	Pueblo Community College Course Number and Title or gtPathways Category	CSU – Pueblo Course and Credits
Written Communication	6	ENG 1021: English Composition I (GT-CO1) ENG 1022: English Composition II (GT- CO2)	ENG 101, 3 credits ENG 102, 3 credits
Mathematics	3-4	One gtPathways Mathematics course numbered 1200 or higher (GT-MA1)	MATH 109 or Higher 3 credits
Arts & Humanities	6	Two gtPathways Arts & Humanities courses (GT-AH1 , GT-AH2 , GT-AH3 , or GT-AH4)	6 credits
Social & Behavioral Sciences	6	Two gtPathways Social & Behavioral Science courses (GT-SS1 , GT-SS2 , or GT-SS3)	6 credits
History	3	One gtPathways History course (GT-HI1)	3 credits
Natural & Physical Sciences	8	Two gtPathways Science courses (GT-SC1)	8 credits
	32-33	TOTAL GEN ED CREDITS:	35

II. Required Courses

Credit Hours	Pueblo Community College Course Number and Title	CSU – Pueblo Course (credits)
3	PSC 2020 – Intro to Political Science	POLS Elective, 3 credits
3	PSC 1011 – American Government	POLS 101, 3 credits
3	PSC 2005 – International Relations	POLS 201, 3 credits
3	PSC 2025 – Comparative Government	POLS 202, 3 credits
12	TOTAL REQUIRED COURSES CREDITS	12

III. Elective and Recommended Courses

“Recommended Courses” means courses that students are strongly encouraged, but not required, to take for preparation in this major and are listed below in priority order.

Credit Hours	Pueblo Community College Course Number and Title
15-16	General Electives from AA Approved List COM 1150: Public Speaking or COM 1250 Interpersonal Communication 3 credits

60	TOTAL ASSOCIATE DEGREE CREDITS
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ASSOCIATE OF ARTS OR SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (60 Credits):

Students should note that all required courses must be satisfactorily completed as part of the AA or AS degree at the community college and will also transfer and apply to the bachelor’s degree requirements at the receiving 4-year institution. However, if you’re going to transfer before completing the AA or AS degree, you may not need some of these courses. In that case, check with the receiving institution and an advisor for your options.

GUARANTEES & LIMITATIONS

- 1. Completion of Associate’s Degree:** This transfer guide identifies the courses a student needs to complete (with a C- or higher) to earn an AA or AS degree at a Colorado community/junior college in order to be able to finish the designated baccalaureate degree in no more than 60 credits. Per [Colorado Commission on Higher Education \(CCHE\) Policy I, L](#), students who complete an AA or AS degree at a Colorado community/junior college and who are admitted to a Colorado public baccalaureate institution are guaranteed the following: the full transfer and application of a minimum of 60 credits toward the baccalaureate degree requirements at the Colorado institution of higher education; completion of the lower-division component of the receiving institution’s general education core curriculum; and junior standing. Course credit may be applied to major, elective or other requirements at the receiving institution’s discretion. If more than 60 college-level credits are taken or the student gets lower than a C- in one or more courses at the community/junior college, then some loss of transfer credit may occur, and students may not be able to complete this baccalaureate degree in 120 credits.
- 2. Transfer Before Completing the Associate’s Degree:** If the student intends to transfer prior to completing an AA or AS degree, this transfer guide should still be used to identify the courses that can most effectively prepare them for efficiently completing the designated major at the baccalaureate institution to which they are transferring. While not completing the required associate’s degree eliminates the guarantees described here, gtPathways general education courses identified in Section I are guaranteed to transfer and apply to the receiving institution’s gtPathways lower division general education requirements. Students are strongly encouraged to finish course sequences (such as English Comp I & II or Calculus I, II & III) before transferring.

For additional information on CCHE transfer policies and gtPathways guaranteed transfer of general education credit, visit <https://cdhe.colorado.gov/students/attending-college/colorado-transfer> To file a transfer-related complaint with the Colorado Department of Higher Education, visit <https://cdhe.colorado.gov/file-a-student-complaint>

The chart shown below illustrates the remaining requirements to complete the BS: Political Science after transferring to CSU Pueblo. 60 semester credits are the maximum amount of transfer credit allowed from two-year institutions. Therefore, the credits shown below **MUST** be completed at CSU-Pueblo.

IV. Additional Major Core Course Requirements

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POLS 250	Political Analysis I	3
POLS 251	Political Analysis II	3
POLS 355	Western Political Thought	3
POLS 498 OR POLS 492	Internship OR Research	3
POLS 493	Seminar	3
Choose one of the following: POLS 301 POLS 302 POLS 303 POLS 310 POLS 340 POLS 411 POLS 431	Political Attitudes & Behavior Latinos in American Democracy Race & Ethnicity in American Democracy Media, Politics, & Power Public Policy Congress & the Presidency Politics & Film	3
Choose one of the following: POLS 361 POLS 362 POLS 371 POLS 430 POLS 460	International Conflict Peace Studies Terrorism War & Film U.S. Foreign and Security Policies	3
POLS 440 OR POLS 445 OR POLS 450	Nationalism & Ethnic Conflict OR Economic Development OR Democracy and Dictatorship	3
Upper division Political Science Electives (300 or 400 level)		6
Open Electives	Note: 1) At least 18 credits of open electives must be outside the Political Science major. A minor degree is encouraged. 2) At least 16 credit hours must be at the upper division level (300 or 400 level) to satisfy the university's requirement of 40 upper division credit hours.	30
Additional World Language Degree Requirements if the program is a BA. (within electives)		
World Language	A minimum of two semesters of a World Language	6
Total Transfer Credit Applied Toward BA or BS Degree		60
Total Additional Credit Required for BA or BS Degree		60
Total BS Degree Requirements		120