



Bachelor of Science or Arts in Political Science

Transfer Guide – Colorado Community College System Students

Transferring to: Colorado State University Pueblo

Effective starting 2021

I. General Education Courses

	Credit Hours	Community College Course Number and Title or gtPathways Category	CSU Pueblo Course and Credits
Written Communication	6	ENG 121: English Composition I (GT-CO1) ENG 122: English Composition II (GT-CO2)	ENG 101, 3 credits ENG 102, 3 credits
Mathematics	4	One gtPathways Mathematics course numbered 120 or higher (GT-MA1)	MATH 109, 3 credits
Arts & Humanities	9	Two gtPathways Arts & Humanities courses from two different areas (GT-AH1 , GT-AH2 , GT-AH3 , or GT-AH4)	9 credits
Social & Behavioral Sciences	6	Two gtPathways Social & Behavioral Science courses from two different areas (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
	36	TOTAL GEN ED CREDITS: *3 credits of Humanities and 1 credit from MAT 120 toward Open Elective.	35

II. Required Courses

Credit Hours	Community College Course Number and Title	CSU – Pueblo Course (credits)
3	POS 111 – American Government	POLS 101, 3 credits
3	POS 205 – International Relations	POLS 201, 3 credits
3	POS 225 – Comparative Government	POLS 202, 3 credits
9	TOTAL REQUIRED COURSES CREDITS	9 credits

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	Community College Course Number and Title
15	General Electives from AA Approved List
60	TOTAL ASSOCIATE DEGREE CREDITS

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://highered.colorado.gov/guided-pathways-guaranteed-transfer>. To file a transfer-related complaint with the Colorado Department of Higher Education, visit <https://highered.colorado.gov/filing-student-complaint>.

The chart shown below illustrates the remaining requirements to complete the BS or BA in 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.

Additional Major Core Course Requirements		
POLS 250	Political Analysis I	3
POLS 251	Political Analysis II	3
POLS 370	Political Thought	3
POLS 480 OR POLS 492	Practicum in Politics & Public Service OR Research	3
POLS 493	Seminar	3
American Politics	Choose one course from POLS 300, 405, 411 or 473	3
International Relations	Choose one course from POLS 305, 306, 460, or 461	3
Comparative Politics	Choose one course from POLS 440, 445, 450, or 455	3
Public Policy/Public Administration	Choose one course from POLS 330 or 340	3
Upper division Political Science Electives (300 or 400 level)		6
Open Electives	At least 18 credits of open electives must be outside the Political Science major. A minor is encouraged.	21-27
	At least 13 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.	
Additional Degree Requirements (World Language) Note: if the program is a BA		
World Language	A minimum of two semesters of World Language (count toward open electives)	0-6
Total Transfer Credit Applied Toward BS Degree		60
Total Additional Credit Required for BS Degree		60
Total BS Degree Requirements		120