

TRANSFER GUIDE
Politics and Government
Western State College of Colorado
2008-2009

Section I: Degree/Program Requirements

A. Institutional graduation requirements for this degree program.

The graduation requirements for a transfer student pursuing this major will be no different than the graduation requirements for a native student, including the minimum number of semester credits required for graduation. Specifically, the student must meet the following requirements:

- Complete 120 credits;
- Successfully complete the required 36 credits in the major;
- Successfully complete at least 15 upper-division courses in the major;
- Successfully complete at least 18 credits in the required minor; and
- Successfully complete at least 40 upper-division credits.

B. Required courses in the major, including pre-requisites and required supporting courses, as listed in the chart below:

Community College Required Courses: Required courses to be taken as part of the AA/AS degree to guarantee the completion a baccalaureate degree in 60 additional credits after transfer.						
None.						
Degree Program Requirements						
	Course Number	Course Name	Credits	CC Course Number	CC Course Name (recommend these courses be taken while at CC)	CC Credit Hours
Required Major Courses						
	POLS 117	Introduction to Political Ideas	3	POS 105	Introduction to Political Science	3
	POLS 180	Introduction to American Government	3	POS 111	American Government	3
	POLS 255	Introduction to Comparative Government	3			
	POLS 260	Introduction to World Politics	3			
	POLS 309	Political Theory I – Ancient to Early Modern	3			
	POLS 310	Political Theory II – Late Modern and Contemporary	3			
	POLS Elective		3			

	<i>At least one of the following:</i>		3			
	POLS 376	American Political Thought I – From Puritans to Slaveholders	3			
	POLS 476	American Political Thought II – American Capitalism and Democracy	3			
	<i>At least two of the following:</i>		6			
	POLS 182	Issues in State and Local Government	3			
	POLS 300	Constitutional Law I	3			
	POLS 301	Constitutional Law II	3			
	POLS 330	Congress and the Politics of Representation	3			
	POLS 331	Politics of the Presidency	3			
	<i>At least one of the following:</i>		3			
	ECON 303	International Economics and Globalization	3			
	HIST 250	History of the Middle East	3			
	HIST 254	History of Africa	3			
	HIST 257	History of East Asia	3			
	HIST 260	History of Latin America	3			
	POLS 360	American Foreign Policy	3			
	<i>One of the following capstone courses:</i>		3			
	POLS 485	Studies in Political Theory	3			
	POLS 486	Studies in American Politics	3			
	POLS 487	Studies in International Relations	3			
	POLS 488	Studies in Comparative Politics	3			
Required Minor Courses						
	Minimum of 18 credits		18			
Other graduation requirements			6			
Graduation Requirements beyond AA/AS degree			60			
Associate of Arts/Science Degree			60			
TOTAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS			120			

Section II: Transfer of Credit

- A. Grade Eligibility. Only academic courses with a letter grade of "C-" or better are transferable. Western will accept and count toward meeting graduation requirements all state guaranteed general education courses that have a grade of C- or better.
- B. Western accepts scores of 4 and above on advanced placement tests and scores of 4 and above earned on international baccalaureate tests.

- C. Western will accept all approved credits earned within ten years of transfer. Courses earned more than ten years earlier may be evaluated on an individual basis.
- D. Western may apply a state guaranteed general education course toward the major or other graduation requirements if that facilitates the student's graduation more effectively.

Section III: Appeals Process

- A. Institutional Appeal Process. Students who follow this agreement shall have the right to appeal a transfer decision that appears to be inconsistent with the terms and courses listed in this agreement. Appeals pertaining to this transfer guide should be filed with the institution. A student may file an appeal that pertains to state guaranteed general education courses directly to CCHE.
- B. State Appeal. For information on the student appeal process, refer to Student Appeal Policy at <http://higherred.colorado.gov/Publications/Policies/Current/i-partt.pdf> .

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