

# Articulation Agreement by Major

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## Political Science, B.A.

### ADMISSIONS MAJOR SELECTION CRITERIA

#### Thank you for your interest in UC Merced!

For Admission to the **Political Science, B.A.** major, students must earn an overall transferrable GPA of 2.4 or better, and must complete classes articulated with the following UC Merced courses by the end of spring term prior to fall enrollment or by the end of fall term prior to spring enrollment. All major preparation courses requires a "C" or better.

**REQUIRED:** Major Preparation Courses for Transfer:

- At least 1 course from: POLI 001, POLI 003, OR POLI 005  
*\* POLI 001, POLI 003, and POLI 005 will also count towards the Lower Division Major Requirements below.*

**Additional Major Preparation Courses:** Recommended to be completed prior to Transfer:

- Complete the following courses: POLI 001 and POLI 010
- Additional Lower Division Political Science Courses (Choose 2): POLI 002, POLI 003, POLI 005, POLI 006, POLI 009

Upon transferring to UC Merced, Political Science majors choose Upper Division courses from the following subfields of the discipline: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Law & Policy (See the [general catalog](#) to learn more)

Courses in the major must be taken for a letter grade and may not be taken on a pass/no pass basis unless the course is only offered on a pass/no pass basis.

#### AP Exam Score & Course Exemptions

- An AP Government & Politics: United States: score of 4 or 5 exempts POLI 001
- An AP Government & Politics: Comparative: score of 4 or 5 exempts POLI 003

**UC Merced Advance Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB)** credit policies are detailed in the link below:

[Advance Placement \(AP\) and International Baccalaureate \(IB\) Examinations](#)

### IMPORTANT TRANSFER INFORMATION

In addition to the Major Selection Criteria, all Upper-Division Transfer applicants must meet minimum [University of California admissions requirements](#). Visit <https://admissions.ucmerced.edu/transfer/requirements> for more specific UC Merced admissions information.

Prior to Transferring to UC Merced, please be advised of the following for Junior Transfers:

**1) WRI 001 and WRI 010 are admissions requirements:** In most situations, WRI 001 is fulfilled by IGETC 1A English Composition and WRI 010 is fulfilled by IGETC 1B Critical Thinking/English Composition. However best practice is to complete the articulated course for WRI 001 and WRI 010. Please scroll towards the bottom of the agreement to find the articulation for each course.

**2) Transfer Admissions Guarantee (TAG):** UC Merced is one of the six UC's that offers Transfer Admissions Guarantee. Please visit the TAG website for more information: <https://admissions.ucmerced.edu/transfer/tag>

**3) General Education (GE Requirements):** While general education is not required for admission, it can help speed up your time to graduation once you transfer to UC Merced. We highly recommend reviewing the [Transfer Students: Satisfying General Education](#) page in the catalog for a more extensive explanation of the requirements.

Transfer students are strongly encouraged to complete IGETC in order to prepare for work within the School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts (SSHA). IGETC courses may double count with the major courses listed below. Please visit your Community College Counselor to learn more.

**4. This agreement displays all lower-division (or Major Preparation) courses required in the major.** UC Merced courses on the left, approved (articulated) transfer courses to the right.

**5. Changes to this Agreements:** Major requirements are subject to change from one academic year to the next. Newly-articulated courses are added on a rolling basis, and articulated courses can be revised. Visit ASSIST every semester for the latest information and consult with an Academic Counselor at your institution on a regular basis.

For more questions about admissions, please email: [transfer@ucmerced.edu](mailto:transfer@ucmerced.edu).

### ABOUT THIS MAJOR

[Political Science](#) is the social scientific study of political institutions and political behavior. The study of political institutions includes topics such as the effect of the design of electoral systems on the quality of representation in government, the formal and informal elements of the legislative process and their implications for the making of law, and the impact of domestic political institutions on the incidence of international conflict. Under the rubric of political behavior, political scientists study how and why people choose to participate in politics, the determinants of vote choice, and the nature and origins of public opinion. Students studying political science at UC Merced develop a strong substantive understanding of both political institutions and behavior. Students also learn the theories that help us better understand the political world and the methods by which these theories are tested and refined.

For more curriculum information, please visit the [22-23 catalog](#) and the [Four-Year Course Plan](#) (We encourage to visit your Community College Counselor to create an individualize educational plan for transfer).

## MAJOR PREPARATION COURSES REQUIRED FOR TRANSFER

### Select 1 Course from the following

**\*\*REFER TO TOP OF AGREEMENT\*\***

Minimum grade required: C or better  
Required for admission

<b>POLI 001</b> - Introduction to American Politics (4.00)	←	<b>POLI 1</b> - American Government and Politics (5.00) --- Or --- <b>POLI 1H</b> - American Government and Politics - HONORS (5.00)
<b>POLI 003</b> - Introduction to Comparative Politics (4.00)	←	<b>POLI 2</b> - Comparative Politics (4.00)
<b>POLI 005</b> - Introduction to International Relations (4.00)	←	<b>POLI 3</b> - International Relations (4.00)

## LOWER DIVISION MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

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Minimum grade required: C or better  
Recommended to be completed prior to transfer

<b>POLI 001</b> - Introduction to American Politics (4.00)	←	<b>POLI 1</b> - American Government and Politics (5.00) --- Or --- <b>POLI 1H</b> - American Government and Politics - HONORS (5.00)
<b>POLI 010</b> - Understanding Political Controversies (4.00)	←	No Course Articulated

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### Select 2 Courses from the following

<b>POLI 002</b> - Controversies in American Politics (4.00)	←	No Course Articulated
<b>POLI 003</b> - Introduction to Comparative Politics (4.00)	←	<b>POLI 2</b> - Comparative Politics (4.00)
<b>POLI 005</b> - Introduction to International Relations (4.00)	←	<b>POLI 3</b> - International Relations (4.00)
<b>POLI 006</b> - Global Issues (4.00)	←	No Course Articulated
<b>POLI 009</b> - Community Mobilization and Politics (4.00) Same-As: SOC 009	←	No Course Articulated

## ACADEMIC WRITING - CHOOSE ONE COURSE FROM:

**\*\*REFER TO TOP OF AGREEMENT\*\***

Minimum grade required: C or better

<b>WRI 001</b> - Academic Writing (4.00)	←	<b>ESL 5</b> - Advanced Composition and Reading (5.00) --- Or --- <b>EWRT 1A</b> - Composition and Reading (5.00) --- Or --- <b>EWRT 1AH</b> - Composition and Reading - HONORS (5.00) --- Or --- <b>EWRT 1AS</b> - Intensive Composition and Reading Stretch: First Quarter (5.00) • UC credit limitation applies; refer to UC-transferability list --- And --- <b>EWRT 1AT</b> - Intensive Composition and Reading Stretch: Second Quarter (5.00) • UC credit limitation applies; refer to UC-transferability list
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COLLEGE READING AND COMPOSITION - CHOOSE ONE COURSE FROM:

**\*\*REFER TO TOP OF AGREEMENT\*\***  
**Minimum grade required: C or better**

**WRI 010** - College Reading and Composition (4.00)



**COMM 9** - Argumentation: Analysis of Oral and Written Communication (5.00)

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**COMM 9H** - Argumentation: Analysis of Oral and Written Communication - HONORS (5.00)

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**EWRT 1B** - Reading, Writing and Research (5.00)

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**EWRT 1C** - Literature and Composition (5.00)

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**EWRT 2** - Critical Reading, Writing and Thinking (5.00)

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**EWRT 2H** - Critical Reading, Writing and Thinking - HONORS (5.00)

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**PHIL 3** - Critical Thinking and Writing (5.00)

END OF AGREEMENT