

Criteria A. Appropriateness to Mission

Item 1. Statement of Program Goals and Objectives

Within the current college curriculum at Los Medanos College there exists a gap between disciplines. Our law, public policy and society students bounce between Political Science, Administrative Justice, Communication and Philosophy. While each program provides some support and a portion of the skills that these students will need, no one program offers them all and no one program offers the holistic insight to provide for these students. In these ways prospective pre-law students currently don't have a clear path to study law with any semblance of breadth at Los Medanos College.

The Associate in Science in Law, Public Policy and Society for Transfer will fill this gap using existing course and resources across these disciplines to create a clear pathway for law student success and enrichment.

The vision and mission of the program maps onto all of the general education student learning outcomes outlined by the college. This is expressed in the PSLOs.

1. Analyze the history of the United States Constitution, case law and statutory law as it relates to the development of civil liberties protections, civil rights guarantees, and how these are applicable to diverse demographic groups. (GESLO 4, 5)
2. Critically analyze and evaluate the political institutions and legal processes through which law and/or public policy is formulated and implemented. (GESLO 3)
3. Apply ethical analysis to develop solutions for contemporary social, economic and political issues. (GESLO 2, 4)
4. Develop and apply strong written and oral communication skills in analysis of legal and social issues. (GESLO 1)

The program is designed to serve the following students:

1. The primary focus will be on students seeking to succeed in law school. According to the Employment Development Department of the State of California, from 2016 – 2026 the employment of lawyers will grow from 97,400 to 108,000 a 10.9% increase. In Contra Costa County they estimate 5,840 lawyers. At Los Medanos College we have a number of self identified pre-law students hoping to go to law school.
2. Students seeking other law related fields. This degree is intended to be preparatory for law fields and as such provides a broad base for any student interested in the intersection of law, public policy and society. These include jobs such as paralegal, law clerk, probation officer, law enforcement officer,

lobbyist, politician, journalist, marketing and advertising professional, human resources and financial analyst. (adegreewithaguarantee.com)

3. Students interested in an area of focus for majors not offered. This degree offers the foundation for other majors not found at Los Medanos College. From the Transfer Model Curriculum for this degree, these include but are not limited to: Criminology (CSU Fresno), Global Intelligence and National Security (CSU Bakersfield), Public Administration (CSU Fresno), International Relations (CSU Sacramento).

4. Students interested in supplementing other degrees with a programmatic general education. Being an interdisciplinary degree student may want to receive the Associate in Science in Law, Public Policy and Society for Transfer, in addition to another degree, because it provides a breadth of general education curriculum which may supplement their education. For example a student who intends to transfer and majoring in political science would benefit from the skills in communications and critical thinking emphasized in the degree.

Upon successful completion of the Associate in Science in Law, Public Policy and Society for Transfer, students will be prepared to enter the following California State University baccalaureate degree programs:

Cal Poly Pomona – Philosophy BA – Law and Society
Cal Poly SLO – Philosophy
CSU Bakersfield – Criminal Justice
CSU Bakersfield – Global Intelligence and National Security
CSU CI – Political Science
CSU Chico – Philosophy
CSU Chico – Political Science, Legal Studies Option
CSU Dominguez Hills – Criminal Justice Administration
CSU Dominguez Hills – Political Science
CSU East Bay – Philosophy
CSU East Bay – Political Science, Pre-Law Option
CSU Fresno – Criminology
CSU Fresno – Philosophy
CSU Fresno – Political Science
CSUF – Public Administration
CSU Long Beach – Political Science/Government - Concentration in Law, Politics and Policy
CSULA – Philosophy – Pre-Law Option
CSULA – Political Science
CSU Monterey Bay – Social and Behavioral Sciences B.A., Political Economy Concentration
CSU Northridge – Political Science
CSU Sacramento – Philosophy
CSU Sacramento – International Relations
CSU San Bernardino – American Studies
CSU San Marcos – Criminology and Justice Studies
CSU Stanislaus – Political Science
Humboldt State – Philosophy
SDSU – Communication
SFSU – Communication Studies
SFSU – Philosophy
SFSU – Political Science
SJSU – Communication Studies
SJSU – Political Science

Item 2. Catalog Description

Law forms the backbone of our country, the judicial system and our community organization. Understanding the ‘rule of law’ empowers citizens to help make real change in their communities, while also providing the skills and knowledge for successful careers. This interdisciplinary area of emphasis focuses on the development of the necessary skills (such as critical thinking, argumentation, research and writing) for success in law related fields.

The Mission of the The Associate in Science in Law, Public Policy and Society for Transfer will be to provide a complete pathway for Law, Public Policy and Society students which will serve as good preparation for law school upon completion of a bachelor’s degree at a California State University.

Upon completing the program students will be able to:

1. Analyze the history of the United States Constitution, case law and statutory law as it relates to the development of civil liberties protections, civil rights guarantees, and how these are applicable to diverse demographic groups.
2. Critically analyze and evaluate the political institutions and legal processes through which law and/or public policy is formulated and implemented.
3. 3. Apply ethical analysis to develop solutions for contemporary social, economic and political issues.
4. Develop and apply strong written and oral communication skills in analysis of legal and social issues.

To earn the Associate in Science in Law, Public Policy and Society for Transfer, a student must complete 60 transferable semester units that include:

1. Complete CSU General Education- Breadth (CSU GE Breadth) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) requirements.
2. Complete the required major requirements listed below.
3. Courses for the major and the GE requirements (CSU GE-Breadth, IGETC) must be completed with a grade of “C” or better or a “P” if the course is taken on a “pass-no pass” basis.
4. Minimum GPA of 2.0.

Program Requirements

Required Core:	Units	CSU GE Box
POLSC160: Introduction to Law, Public Policy, and Society	3	D
PHIL 120: Introduction to Ethics	3	C2
SPCH 110: Speech Communication	3	A1

OR SPCH 120: Argumentation and Debate	3	
ENGL 100: College Composition	3	A2
ENGL 221 Advanced Composition and Critical Thinking OR SPCH 120: Argumentation and Debate (CSU)	3	A3
MATH 110: Introduction to Statistics	4	B4
HIST 29: United States History until 1865 OR HIST 30: United States History from 1865	3 3	C2 or D (US-1)
POLSC 10: Introduction to American Government: Institutions and Ideals	3	D (US-2 & US-3)
Total GE Units (allowed to double count towards CSU GE Breadth or IGETC GE Breadth)	25	

List A Select two courses (minimum of 6 units) from two of the areas listed below:
(Note – courses must not have been used above.)

Area 1: Administration of Justice:	
ADJUS-110 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	3
ADJUS-120: Concepts of Criminal Law	3
ADJUS-122: Criminal Trial Process	3
ADJUS-124: Legal Aspects of Evidence	3
ADJUS-160: Community & Justice System	3
ADJUS-200: Intro to Corrections	3
ADJUS-220: Juvenile Procedures	3
Area 2: Business:	
BUS-294: Business Law	3
Area 3: Economics:	
ECON-010: Microeconomics	3
ECON-011: Macroeconomics	3
Area 4: Political Science:	
POLSC-043: International Relations	3

Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC) Template for Law, Public Policy, and Society

Template #1022

CCC Major or Area of Emphasis: Law, Public Policy, and Society

9/10/19

TOP Code: 1401.00

CSU Major(s): American Studies, Communications, Criminal Justice, Criminology, Global Intelligence and National Security, International Relations, Philosophy, Political Science, Social and Behavioral Sciences (Political Economy Concentration)(NOTE: List not meant to be exhaustive. Other destination majors may exist.)

Total Units: 30 (all units are minimum semester units)

In the four columns to the right under the **College Program Requirements**, enter the college's course identifier, title and the number of units comparable to the course indicated for the TMC. If the course may be double-counted with either CSU-GE or IGETC, enter the GE Area to which the course is articulated. To review the GE Areas and associated unit requirements, please go to Chancellor's Office Academic Affairs page, RESOURCE section located at :

<http://extranet.cccco.edu/Divisions/AcademicAffairs/CurriculumandInstructionUnit/TransferModelCurriculum.aspx>

or the ASSIST website:

http://web1.assist.org/web-assist/help/help-csu_ge.html.

The units indicated in the template are the **minimum** semester units required for the prescribed course or list. All courses must be CSU transferable. **All courses with an identified C-ID Descriptor must be submitted to C-ID prior to submission of the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) proposal to the Chancellor's Office.**

Where no **C-ID Descriptor** is indicated, discipline faculty should compare their existing course to the example course(s) provided in the TMC at:

<http://www.c-id.net/degreereview.html>

Attach the appropriate ASSIST documentation as follows:

- ☐ *Articulation Agreement by Major (AAM)* demonstrating lower division preparation in the major at a CSU;
- ☐ *CSU Baccalaureate Level Course List by Department (BCT)* for the transfer courses; and/or,
- ☐ *CSU GE Certification Course List by Area (GECC)*.

The acronyms **AAM**, **BCT**, and **GECC** will appear in **C-ID Descriptor** column directly next to the course to indicate which report will need to be attached to the proposal to support the course's inclusion in the transfer degree. To access ASSIST, please go to <http://www.assist.org>.

Associate in Arts in Law, Public Policy, and Society for Transfer Degree						
College Name: Los Medanos College						
TRANSFER MODEL CURRICULUM (TMC)			COLLEGE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS			
Course Title (units)	C-ID Descriptor	Course ID	Course Title	Units	GE Area	
					CSU	IGETC
REQUIRED CORE: (24 units)						
Introduction to Law and Society (3) OR Introduction to Criminal Justice (3) OR Concepts of Criminal Law (3) OR Criminal Court Process (3) OR Legal Environment of Business (3) OR Business Law (3)	LPPS 110 OR AJ 110 OR AJ 120 OR AJ 122 OR BUS 120 OR BUS125	POLSC 160	Introduction to Law, Public Policy, and Society	3	D	4
Ethical Reasoning (3) OR Introduction to Ethics (3)	LPPS 120 OR PHIL 120	PHIL 120	Introduction to Ethics	3	C2	3B
Public Speaking (3) OR	COMM 110 OR	SPCH	Speech Communication	3	A1	1C

*Argumentation and Debate (3) OR Small Group Communication (3)	COMM 120 OR COMM 140	110 SPCH 120	Argumentation and Debate	3	A1	1C
English Composition	ENGL 100	ENGL 100	College Composition	3	A2	1A
*Argumentation and Debate (3) OR Introduction to Persuasion (3) OR Argumentative Writing and Critical Thinking (3) OR Introduction to Logic (3)	COMM 120 OR COMM 190 OR ENGL 105 OR PHIL 110	ENGL 221 SPCH 120	Advanced Composition and Critical Thinking Argumentation and Debate	3 3	A3 A3	1B 1C
Introduction to Statistics (3) OR Intro to Stats in Sociology (3)	MATH 110 OR SOVI 125	MATH 110	Introduction to Statistics	4	B4	2
US History to 1877 (3) OR US History from 1865 (3)	HIST 130 OR HIST 140	HIST 29 HIST 30	United States History Until 1865 United States History from 1865	3 3	C2 D C2, D	4F 4F
Introduction to American Government and Politics (3)	POLS 110	POLSC 10	Introduction to American Government: Institutions and Ideals	3	D	4H
LIST A: Select two courses (6 units) from two of the areas listed below: (NOTE: courses must not have been used above.)						
Area 1: Administrative of Justice/Criminal Justice/Criminology						
Introduction to Criminal Justice (3) OR Concepts of Criminal Law (3) OR Criminal Court Process (3) OR Legal Aspects of Evidence (3) OR Community and the Justice System (3) OR Introductions to Corrections (3) OR	AJ 110 OR AJ 120 OR AJ 122 OR AJ 124 OR AJ 160 OR AJ 200 OR	ADJUS -110 ADJUS -120 ADJUS -122	Introduction to the Criminal Justice System Concepts of Criminal Law Criminal Trial Process	3 3 3	D	4H

Juvenile Procedures (3) OR Introduction to Crime (3)	AJ 220 OR SOCJ 160	ADJUS-124 ADJUS-160 ADJUS-200 ADJUS-220	Legal Aspects of Evidence Community & Justice System Intro to Corrections Juvenile Procedures	3 3 3 3	 D D	
Area 2: Business						
Legal Environment of Business (3) OR Business Law (3)	BUS 120 OR BUS 125	BUS-294	Business Law	3		
Area 3: Economics						
Principals of Microeconomics (3) OR Principals of Macroeconomics (3)	ECON 201 OR ECON 202	ECON-010 ECON-011	Microeconomics Macroeconomics	3 3	D D	4B 4B
Area 4: Political Science						
Introduction to Political Theory and Thought (3) OR Comparative Government and Politics (3) OR Introduction to International Relations (3) OR Introduction to Political Science (3) OR Introduction to Political Science Research Methods (3)	POLS 120 OR POLS 130 OR POLS 140 OR POLS 150 OR POLS 160	POLSC 033 POLSC-050 POLSC-043	Philosophy of Political Theory and Thought Introduction to Comparative Politics International Relations	3 3 3	C2, D D8 D	3B, 4A 4H 4G
Area 5: Public Policy						
Introduction to Global Studies (3) OR Global Issues (3) OR Introduction to Public Relations (3) OR Introduction Social Justice (3) OR Social Problems (3) OR	GLST 101 OR GLST 102 OR JOUR 150 OR SJS 110 OR SOCJ 115 OR	ENGL-110 SOCIO-016	Introduction to Social Justice Studies Introduction to Social Problems	3 3	D D	4 4J

Health and Social Justice (3) OR Drugs, Health, and Society (3)	PHS 102 OR PHS 103					
Any course that is CSU transferable and focuses on public administration or public policy.	BCT					
Area 6: Diversity						
Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3) OR Intercultural Communication (3) OR Introduction to Human Geography (3) OR Introduction to Gender (3) OR Introduction to Race and Ethnicity (3)	ANTH 120 OR COMM 150 OR GEOG 120 OR SOCI 140 OR SOCI 150	ANTH R-006 SPCH-150 SJS-136 SJS-150	Cultural Anthropology Intercultural Communication Introduction to Gender Studies Introduction to Race & Ethnicity	3 3 3 3	D D D D	4A 4C 4 4
Any course that emphasizes the perspective of under-represented groups and has articulation as CSU GE Area D or E.	GECC					
Area 7: College Success						
A CSU-transferable course that: □ Articulated for CSU GE Area E □ UC Transferable The course title must refer to student success, college success, or academic skills (or similar). And the course must have specific content areas to include, but not limited to, study skills, time management, note taking, goal setting, test taking, learning styles, and critical thinking.	GECC	ACS-10 COUNS-036	Becoming a College Scholar-a First-Year Seminar Career & Life Planning	3 3	E E	
Area 8: Internship/Fieldwork						
Any CSU-transferable internship or fieldwork course deemed appropriate by the college. "Internship" or "Fieldwork" must be in the course title, or the course must be identified as cooperative work experience.	BCT	COOP-160	General Work Experience Education	3		
Total Units for the Major:	30	Total Units for the Major:		31		
Total Units that may be double-counted <i>(The transfer GE Area limits must <u>not</u> be exceeded)</i>					24-27	21-27
General Education (CSU-GE or IGETC) Units					39	37
Elective (CSU Transferable) Units					14-17	13-19
Total Degree Units (maximum)					60	

POLSC-033 Philosophy of Political Theory and Thought	3
POLSC-050 Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
Area 5: Public Policy:	
ENGL-110: Introduction to Social Justice Studies	3
SOCIO-016: Introduction to Social Problems	3
Area 6: Diversity:	
ANTHR-006: Cultural Anthropology	3
SPCH-150: Intercultural Communication	3
SJS-136: Introduction to Gender Studies	3
SJS-150: Introduction to Race & Ethnicity	3
Area 7: College Success	
ACS-10: Becoming a College Scholar - a First Year Seminar OR COUNS-036: Career & Life Planning	3 3
Area 8: Internship/Fieldwork:	
COOP-160: General Work Experience Education	3
Total Units for the major	31

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Units that may be double count	24-27/21-27
GE Units (CSU/IGETC):	39/37
Electives:	14-17/13-19
Total Units for degree:	60