

Palo Verde College

Program Outline Report

Program Basics

Program Title:	Law, Public Policy, and Society
Program Status:	Active from 2026-2027 Fall (2026FA)
Department:	Criminal Justice
Award Type:	A.A. Degree for Transfer (Credit)
Program/Catalog Description	The Associate in Arts in Law, Public Policy, and Society for Transfer Degree Students introduces students to the field of Law, Public Policy, and Society through the study of the interdisciplinary fields of law, political science, history, philosophy, sociology and communications. Students will acquire skills and abilities in communications and critical thinking, and an introduction to the legal field, as well as preparation for further study in a variety of majors. The AAT in Law, Public Policy, and Society is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelors degree in a related field at the CSU. The following is required for all AA-T or AS-T degrees: 1.Minimum of 60 CSU-transferable semester units. 2.Minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information. 3.Completion of a minimum of 18 semester units in an "AA-T" or "AS-T" major. All courses in the major must be completed with a grade of C or better or a "P" if the course is taken on a "pass-no pass" basis(title 5 § 55063). 4.Certified completion of the CalGETC GE pattern.
Control Number:	40017
Credential ID:	No value
Transferability:	No value
(SP01) Program TOP Code:	1401.00
(SP01) Program TOP Code:	Law, General
(SP02) Student Program Award:	Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree
Maximum Credits:	60
Minimum Credits:	60
Curriculum Committee Approval Date:	12/11/2025
Board of Trustees Approval Date:	01/13/2026
External Review Approval Date:	01/13/2026

Proposal Details

Proposal Start:	2026-2027 Fall (2026FA)
What changes have been made to the program:	Updated to bring in Phase 2 A and B CCN.
Program Justification:	To increase transfer opportunities for students and prepare them for numerous career paths in law, history, political science, and public service. This Associate in Arts in Law, Public Policy, and Society for Transfer (AA-T) Degree is intended to meet the lower division requirements for similar majors for all CSU campuses.

Program Requirements

Law, Public Policy, and Society (Total 60)

Complete the following number of credits: 60

Required course (Total 24)

Complete the following number of credits: 24

Understanding the Law (Total 3)

Complete the following number of credits: 3

CRJ103 - Criminal Law

3

CRJ115 - Introduction to Law Enforcement/Corrections

3

BUS135 - Business Law

3

Ethics (Total 3)

Complete at least one of the following rules

PHI120 - Introduction to Ethics

3

Oral Communication (Total 3)

Complete the following number of credits: 3

COMMC1000 - Introduction to Public Speaking

3

SPE103 - Argument and Debate

3

Written Communication (Total 4)

Complete at least one of the following rules

ENGLC1000 - Academic Reading and Writing

4

Critical Thinking (Total 3)

Complete the following number of credits: 3

SPE103 - Argument and Debate

3

ENGLC1001 - Critical Thinking and Writing

3

Quantitative Reasoning (Total 3)

Complete the following number of credits: 3

PSY155 - Introduction to Statistical Analysis for the Social Sciences

3

STATC1000 - Introduction to Statistics

4

US History (Total 3)

Complete the following number of credits: 3

HISTC1001 - United States History to 1877

3

HISTC1002 - United States History since 1865

3

US History Cont. (Total 3)

Complete the following number of credits: 3

POLSC1000 - American Government and Politics

3

List A: Select two courses from below that have not been used in the required courses. (Total 6)

Complete the following number of credits: 6

CRJ115 - Introduction to Law Enforcement/Corrections

3

CRJ103 - Criminal Law

3

CRJ206 - Legal Aspects of Evidence

3

CRJ120 - Community Relations

3

BUS135 - Business Law

3

ECONC2001 - Principles of Microeconomics

3

ECONC2002 - Principles of Macroeconomics

3

ANT101 - Cultural Anthropology

3

SPE105 - Introduction to Intercultural Communication

3

SOC115 - Introduction to Chicano/a Studies

3

GES115 - The Master Student

3

In addition to the Required Core Courses, students must complete the CalGETC General Education pattern listed in the catalog.

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Recommended Sequences

No value

Program Outcomes

Associate in Arts in Law, Public Policy, and Society

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Performance

1. Acquire fundamental grounding in communication, critical thinking, scientific inquiry, and quantitative reasoning, the arts, literature and humanities, social, political and economic institutions, and self-development.

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2. Explain the internal and external process of government, interests groups, and public policy.

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Program Narrative

Narrative Item 1. Program Goals and Objectives

The Palo Verde College AAT in Law, Public Policy, and Society provides students with a basic understanding of law and public policy related fields and a strong academic foundation in civic duties, political sciences and prepare them for upper division coursework in interdisciplinary fields of law at a CSU.

Narrative Item 2. Catalog Description

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Transfer Model Curriculum TMC Template

Attached

Transfer Documentation (AAM/BCT/GECC,C-ID)

Attached