

Political Science

Associate in Arts

Program/CIP Code: POSC.AA/24.0101

Credits Required: 60

Division: Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Services

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Political science is an integral part of social science. Over three thousand years ago, Aristotle declared that “politics is the master science upon which all of civilization depends”. The truth of this assumption simply lies in the fact that political science is all about public power-how it is acquired and in whose interest it is used. Power is like a loaded gun, a lethal weapon that must be carefully guarded, lest it falls into the wrong hands. The discipline of political science is a systematic effort at creating a responsible attitude about the use of public power as a force for good. Political science is aimed at inculcating the appropriate level of awareness of citizenship rights and responsibilities in a way that monitors the use of public power for the overall interest of the society. A political science major is an excellent preparation for careers in government and politics, campaign co-ordination and consultancy, diplomacy or foreign affairs, law, education, military, community development, human relations, labor relations, public administration, etc.

Requirements for admission to the program:

- No requirements for admission to the program.
- Contact program for program-specific advising.

College Requirement

Course		Credit Hours
BLUE 0101	Freshman Seminar	1

General Education Requirements

Course		Credit Hours
ENGL 0101	Composition I*	3
ENGL 0102	Composition II*	3
SPCH 0151 OR SPCH 0201	Public Speaking OR Interpersonal Communication	3
MATH 0105 OR MATH 0115	College Algebra** OR Statistics**	3-5
HIST 0104 OR HIST 0105	United States to 1877 OR United State Since 1877	3
PHIL 0103 OR PHIL 0206	Introduction to Philosophy OR Ethics	3
	Humanities Elective (Other than HIST or PHIL)	3
POSC 0102 OR POSC 0111	International Relations / Foreign Policy OR American Government	3
PSYC 0101 SOSC 0107	Psychology* OR Sociology	3
	Natural and Physical Science Elective	5
	Foreign Language Elective	5
Total Hours for General Education Requirements		37-39

* See course syllabus for prerequisite.

** Math sequence is contingent upon previous high school mathematics background and transfer institution. Students should confer with an advisor to determine correct placement.

Political Science Requirement

Course		Credit Hours
Choose 20-22 hours from the following		
HIST 0115	World Civilization 1 (3hrs)	20-22
HIST 0116	World Civilization II (3hrs)	
HIST 0112	Modern Latin America (3hrs)	
HIST 0204	Western Civilization I (3hrs)	
HIST 0205	Western Civilization II (3hrs)	
POSC 0101	Introduction to Political Science (3hrs)	
POSC 0112	State and Local Government (3hrs)	
POSC 0245	Introduction to Public Administration (3hrs)	
Total Hours for Political Science Requirements		20-22
*See course syllabi for Political Science course prerequisites.		

Total Hours for an Associate in Arts in Political Science Degree	60
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