

Political Science

Associate in Arts

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The Associate in Arts in Political Science offers a well-rounded general education degree, including a concentration in political and social science courses, which prepares students for transfer to four year institutions.

These courses are suggested by the department to meet the Associate in Arts degree requirements. For a complete list of course options, please see the Associate in Arts curriculum guide in the catalog.

General Education Requirements

The general education courses listed for this degree require a C (2.0) or better for graduation. See "General Education Requirements" for more information and full listing of all general education courses.

Course Sequence

Some of the courses in this curriculum must be taken in a prescribed sequence because of prerequisite requirements. The listing that follows is a suggested sequence of courses for full-time students who start in the Fall semester.

If you are a part-time student or have transferred courses from another college, you should plan to complete the courses listed under Semester I before taking the courses listed under Semester II and so forth. Please see an advisor for sequencing and course substitution questions.

You will need to demonstrate proficiencies in reading, mathematics and English based on SMC assessment tests, ACT or SAT scores, or by taking the recommended classes.

This degree can be adapted for various transfer institutions. Please contact your advisor to determine specific course requirements at the receiving institution prior to selecting options or electives.

Course	Credits
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Semester I

EDUC 120	Educational Exploration and Planning	2
ENGL 103	Freshman English II	3
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ENGL 103W	Freshman English II w Workshop	4
MATH 150	Statistics	4
POSC 201	American Government	3
SPEE 102	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3

Semester II

BISC 111	Biological Science	4
ECON 202	Microeconomics	3
ENGL 104	Freshman English III	3
PHED 103	Life Wellness	2
SOCI 201	Principles of Sociology	3

See advisor to ensure your choices in year two work well with your transfer institution.

Semester III

ENST 112	Environmental Science	4
GEOG 105	Human Geography	3
HIST 201	United States History I	3
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophical Thought	3
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3

Semester IV

ECON 201	Macroeconomics	3
HIST 202	United States History II	3
HIST 290	Special Topics in History	3
HUMA 202	Introduction to American Pop Culture	3
SOCI 240	Minority Groups in America	3

Total Program Credits *60-61