Associate in Arts
Political Science Concentration

Students who complete this concentration will satisfy the requirements of MassTransfer. Students should consult with an advisor about the general education course requirements.

A candidate for the Political Science Concentration might select a schedule similar to this.

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Prerequisites
First Semester			
ENL101	English Composition I	3	Appropriate scores in Reading Comprehension & in Sentence Skills on CPT or grade of C or better in ENL020 and ENL050 or ESL201
COM105	Survey of Mass Communication	3	ENL010 or satisfactory reading comprehension score on the basic skills assessment
GOV111	American Government	3	None
	Humanities & Fine Arts	3	
	Elective*	3	
Second Semester			
ENL102	English Composition II	3	A grade of C or higher in ENL101
GEO104	Geography: Culture and Environment	3	None; ENL020 & ENL050 or satisfactory basic skills assessment scores recommended
GOV110	The American Presidency	3	None
	Humanities & Fine Arts	3	
	Elective*	3	
Third Semester			
	Humanities & Fine Arts	3	
MAT150	Elementary Statistics	3	MAT040 or MAT110 & ENL020 or satisfactory basic skills assessment scores
GOV101	Comparative Politics	3	None
	Natural or Physical Science	4	
	Elective*	3	
Fourth Semester			
	Natural or Physical Science	4	
GOV102	International Relations	3	ENL050 or satisfactory basic skills assessment score
	Humanities & Fine Arts	3	
	Elective*	3	
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Total Credits:		62	

The Associate in Arts degree does not indicate a specialized degree in a concentration.

Overview

The student who is interested in studying political science is exposed to a broad range of courses which cover not only the structure and operation of national governmental institutions, but also more generally political thought, governments other than our own, and international relations. Students who complete this concentration are prepared for transfer to a bachelor's program.

Career Outlook

This concentration is for students interested in any level of government, or political involvement, the Foreign Service, the law profession, teaching, public administration, or in the liberal arts. Students should note that entry-level job requirements in these areas almost always call for a minimum of a bachelor's degree, and knowledge of a foreign language is recommended.

***Suggested Electives**

COM203 Public Speaking
COM204 Persuasive Communication
COM207 Argumentation and Debate
COM213 Advanced Debate
ECO117 Principles of Macroeconomics
ECO118 Principles of Microeconomics
HIS103 U.S. History to 1865
HIS104 U.S. History since 1865
HIS119 World History I
HIS120 World History II
PHI130 Introduction to Philosophy
PSY101 General Psychology
REL122 Concepts of Western Religion
REL123 Concepts of Eastern Religion
SOC106 Principles of Sociology