

Area of Study: Art, Humanities and Social Sciences
Pathway: Political Science
 Degree type: **Associate in Arts**
 Curriculum Code **SOC.PSC.AA (U224A45)**

(Total Program Credits: 60-68)

These courses offer a study of contemporary and political issues. Political science courses provide both an historical perspective, as well as a contemporary perspective, while examining the nature of the state both nationally and internationally.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the Associate in Arts Degree (Political Science) emphasis, the graduate will be able to:

- identify the fundamental structures and institutions of the United States political system and other political systems;
- define important political science theories and concepts;
- summarize a conceptual argument or theoretical approach, apply it to an actual situation relevant to political science, and support their application with appropriate evidence; and
- compare and evaluate the merits of two or more political policies, theories, or concepts.

Placement Measures MAT, RHT, and COL sequence placement will be determined by an Academic Advisor. Contact your Academic Advisor before registering for courses.

Developmental education courses do not transfer. They assist students in the path towards college credit.

Program Map for Full-Time Students

| Semester One: Fall | Category | Next Steps |
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| RHT 101 (3) Freshmen Rhetoric & Composition I (3) | <i>Communication</i> | Meet with your Academic Advisor to create an academic plan. Explore transfer institutions and admissions requirements by attending transfer events . |
| PSC 150 (3) American National Politics (3) | <i>Social and Behavioral Science</i> | |
| MAT 101 Quantitative Literacy (3) Or MAT 102 Liberal Arts Mathematics (3) | <i>Mathematics</i> | |
| <i>Humanities General Education Course (3)</i> | <i>Humanities</i> | |
| Program Elective (3) Or Foreign Language (4) | <i>Elective</i> | |

15-16 Credit Hours

Note: Grade of “C” or higher is an IAI requirement for RHT 101 and RHT 102.

| Semester Two: Spring | Category | Next Steps |
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| RHT 102 Freshman Rhetoric & Composition II (3) | <i>Communication</i> | Meet with your Meet with your Academic Advisor to update your academic and transfer plan. Create a Transferology account to explore how coursework transfers. Attend a Transfer 101 Workshop . |
| <i>Life Science General Education Course (3-5)</i> | <i>Life Science</i> | |
| <i>Fine Arts General Education Course (3)</i> | <i>Fine Arts</i> | |
| <i>PSC 184 Global Politics (3)</i> | <i>Social and Behavioral Science</i> | |
| Program Elective (3) Or Foreign Language (4) | <i>Elective</i> | |

15-18 Credit Hours

Note: Grade of “C” or higher is an IAI requirement for RHT 101 and RHT 102.

| Semester Three: Fall | Category | Next Steps |
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| SPE 101 Principles of Effective Speaking (3) | <i>Communication</i> | Meet with your Academic Advisor to update your academic and transfer plan. Attend a Ready to Apply Workshop . GECC Credential Achieved. |
| <i>Social and Behavioral Science General Education Course (3) NOT from PSC</i> | <i>Social and Behavioral Science</i> | |
| <i>Humanities or Fine Arts General Education Course (3)</i> | <i>Humanities or Fine Arts</i> | |
| <i>Physical Science General Education Course (3-5)</i> | <i>Physical Science</i> | |
| Elective (3) Or Foreign Language (4) | <i>Elective</i> | |

15-18 Credit Hours

| Semester Four: Spring | Category | Next Steps |
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| | | Meet with your Academic Advisor to finalize your transfer plan. |
| Elective (3) Or Foreign Language (4) | <i>Elective</i> | Submit graduation petition by deadline (check for the specific date in catalog or syllabi.) Apply to your transfer institution(s). |
| Elective (12) | <i>Elective</i> | |

15-16 Credit Hours

| Program Electives (6) |
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| PSC 120 Principles of Political Science (3) PSC 151 American State and Urban Politics (3) May take other PSC courses or work with transfer advisor to determine courses toward possible minor at Transfer institution. |

(Select courses that meet the BA requirements of your transfer college.)

Recommended electives include courses in History, Economics, Anthropology, Foreign Languages, Education, Literature, Sociology and Geography.

Graduation Requirements

General Education requirements:

AA degree

Subtotal: 37-40

Political Science courses or other electives toward the AA degree

Subtotal: 20-23

General Education requirements by discipline:

1. **Communications:** Three courses (nine semester hours).
2. **Humanities and Fine Arts:** Three courses (nine semester hours), with at least one course from selected from Humanities and at least one course from the Fine Arts.
3. **Social and Behavioral Science:** Three courses (nine semester hours), with courses selected from at least two disciplines.

Graduation from an Illinois college or university requires satisfactory completion of one or more courses incorporating Human Diversity, which may be taken as a Humanities and Fine Arts or Social and Behavioral Science course.

4. **Mathematics:** One course (three semester hours).
5. **Physical and Life Science:** Two courses (seven to eight semester hours), with one course selected from the Life Sciences and one course from the Physical Sciences, including at least one laboratory course.

Foreign Language encouraged if transferring.

See PSC course descriptions; SSC course descriptions.

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