

Political Science

Associate in Arts

Total Required Credits for Degree: minimum of 64
General Education Core Curriculum: minimum of 37
Additional Coursework: 27

Code: 8465

Note: Consult a faculty adviser or the Counseling and Advising office before planning coursework.

About the Program

Knowledge about how governments work and the way in which political decisions affect our lives benefits everyone and is expected by many employers. While few jobs are restricted to political scientists only, an associate's or bachelor's degree in political science is useful in many different settings. Federal, state and local governments employ almost 16 million people. A political science background is typical for positions such as administrative assistant, budget officer, immigration inspector or intelligence research specialist.

Program web site:

www.cod.edu/academic/acadprog/tranprog/PolSciTr.htm

First Semester Possibilities

Students enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits are considered full-time students. The following courses are examples of possible choices for the first semester of study:

Course	Credits
Anthropology 1100, 1101, 1120, 1125.....	3
Geography 1100, 1105, 1130.....	3
Political Science 1100, 1101	3
Psychology 1100	3
Sociology 1100, 1120	3

General Education Core Curriculum

Each candidate for an A.A. degree shall satisfactorily complete a minimum of 37 General Education credits. General Education credit may not be earned using a Satisfactory/Fail grade.

Use the *Student Planning Worksheet* or consult a list of General Education categories and courses for this degree to decide what needs to be taken. Links can be found on the Political Science online program guide (www.cod.edu, click on "Academics" and then choose this program from the drop-down menu).

Under the specified General Education headings below, the following courses are recommended for the Political Science Associate in Arts degree:

Communication: 9 credits

Written: 6 credits

Oral: 3 credits

Required courses: English 1101 and 1102 (grade of "C" or higher required); Speech 1100 (grade of "C" or higher required)

Physical and Life Sciences: 7 to 10 credits

Select at least one course from Life Sciences and one course from Physical Sciences. At least one course must have a laboratory component.

Mathematics: 3 to 5 credits

Humanities and Fine Arts: 9 credits

Select at least one course from Humanities and at least one course from Fine Arts.

Please note: Only one foreign language course may apply for general education credit. Additional foreign language courses will count as elective credit toward your degree.

Earn no more than 6 credits in History in the Humanities and Fine Arts, and Social and Behavioral Sciences categories combined. Additional credits in History from general education or other categories may be earned as elective credit, unless restricted by degree requirements.

Social and Behavioral Sciences: 9 credits

Courses must be selected from at least two disciplines. See note under Humanities/Fine Arts regarding History courses.
Recommended courses: Political Science 1100 or 1101, 2203, 2220; Anthropology 1100; Geography 1100, 1105, 1110

Additional Coursework

Students are strongly advised to consult with a faculty adviser and/or the transfer institution in selecting 27 General Elective credits. Students can earn a maximum of 10 credits in technical/occupational areas (the transferability of these courses needs to be validated with a transfer institution).

Additional A.A. Degree Requirements

These credits can count as either General Education Core Curriculum (in the Humanities category or the Social and Behavioral Sciences category) or as General Elective credit, whichever applies.

Human Relations: Complete one course.

International/Intercultural Studies: Complete one course.

Contemporary Life Skills: Complete one course.

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IAI (Illinois Articulation Initiative)

The IAI General Education Core Curriculum is based on a package concept, in which a package of courses is used to meet the receiving institution's lower-division general education requirements. The entire IAI package must be completed to ensure full articulation.

Always seek the advice of an academic adviser at College of DuPage or an admissions counselor at a transfer institution when choosing major courses. For additional information, check the web site at: www.itransfer.org or the College of DuPage transfer guide web site at home.cod.edu/academics/transferinfo.

Advisers

If you are considering this program as an area of study, consult with an adviser in this field:

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