

Political Science Transfer Pathway

Red Wing | Winona | Online

OVERVIEW

The study of political science teaches valuable analytical, communication, and research skills.

Are you interested in the important political issues of the world today? Do you want to better understand how governments operate? Are you curious about how and why people make political choices and the consequences of those choices?

At Minnesota State College Southeast you'll be able to explore these important issues while earning a 2-year degree designed for transfer to any Minnesota State university.

As a Political Science major, you will study:

- Systems of government and institutions
- Political behavior and culture
- Media, interest groups, non-governmental organizations
- Citizen rights and liberties
- Elections and political parties
- Political responses to modern problems
- Political values and ideals

After graduating with the Political Science Transfer Pathway AA degree, you can transfer in as a junior and complete your bachelor's degree by earning 60 additional credits at one of the seven Minnesota State universities [admission requirements, including GPA, apply].

The Political Science Transfer Pathway AA degree is the foundation of a well-rounded education with a range of coursework in the liberal arts and sciences. It provides the basis for understanding and participating in political life as a citizen and employment or involvement with: government, education, politics, business, legal fields, interest groups, media, international and community organizations.

MAJORS WITHIN

Political Science Transfer Pathway A.A. Degree 60 Credits

Estimated costs for each major including tuition, books and supplies are posted on southeastmn.edu under Academics > Academic Programs by Degree.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Program graduates will be able to:

1. Demonstrate familiarity with concepts fundamental to the study of political science
2. Demonstrate understanding of basic political processes and institutions
3. Develop critical thinking skills to analyze current political issues
4. Reflect on their own and others' values in the context of politics.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Broad liberal arts foundation with focus in Political Science

Guaranteed transfer to designated bachelor's programs

Small class sizes

Variety of course delivery methods: on campus in Red Wing and Winona, hybrid, 100% online

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students generally go on to earn complete a bachelor's degree or higher. A degree in political science can lead to employment in:

- Teaching
- Research
- Historic Preservation
- Documentary/Multimedia Editors
- Cultural Resources Management



Political Science Transfer Pathway - Associate of Arts

Sample Full-time Program Plan

Please note that this is a sample program schedule. Your schedule may vary depending upon your needs, goals, and course availability. Please meet with your advisor to plan your schedule each semester.

Course No.	Course Name	Credits
First Semester (Fall)		
POLS1120	American Government	3
SOCS1110	Introduction to Sociology	3
ENGL1215	College Writing I	3
HUMA1125	Moral Problems	3
COMP1130	Word Processing/Presentations	1
COMP1135	Spreadsheet Applications	1
INSP1525	Career & Educational Planning	1
Semester total		15
Second Semester (Spring)		
POLS1101	Intro to Political Science	3
ENGL2525	College Writing II	3
MATH1230	Introduction to Statistics	3
BIO1226	Nutrition	3
SPAN1230	Introduction to Hispanic Cultures	3
Semester total		15
Third Semester (Fall)		
POLS1130	World Politics	3
HUMA1435	Multicultural America	3
BIOL1200	Human Biology	4
HIST1108/1110	US History	3
HLTH1225	Stress Management	2
Semester total		15
Fourth Semester Spring		
POLS1140	Environment & Society	3
HIST2525	Minnesota History	3
COMM1218	College Speech	3
PSYC2531	Social Psychology	3
SOCS2545	Diversity and Social Change	3
Semester total		15
Total Required Credits		60

Minnesota State College Southeast: ASSOCIATE OF ARTS Degree or Political Science Pathway Plan

(AA: 40 MnTC credits, 4 Additional credits and 16 Liberal Arts and Sciences credits)

Student Name _____ Student ID Number _____ Date _____

Part I. Gen Eds for Transfer Curriculum Courses					
Prefix	No	Course Title	Cr	Gr	Term
Goal 1: Written and Oral Communications (9 cr)					
ENGL	1215	College Writing I (required)	3		
		Interpersonal Communications OR College Speech (required)	3		
ENGL	2525	College Writing II (required)	3		
Goal 2: Critical Thinking (0 – 3 cr)					
Goal 3: Natural Science (two courses from two different subjects 6 - 8 cr – one course with traditional lab)					
Goal 4: Mathematical / Logical Reasoning (one course 3 cr)					
Math	1230	Intro to Statistics	3		
Goal 5: History and the Social Behavioral Sciences (three courses from at least 2 different subjects 9 cr)					
HIST		U.S. History 1108 OR 1110	3		
SOCS	1110	Intro to Sociology	3		
HIST	2525	Minnesota History	3		
Goal 6: The Humanities (three courses from at least 2 different subjects 9 cr)					
HUMA	1435	Multicultural America	3		
HUMA	1125	Moral Problems	(3)		
Goal 7: Human Diversity (one course 3 cr)					
Goal 8: Global Perspective (one course 3 cr)					

Goal 9: Ethical and Civic Responsibility (one course 3 cr)					
Prefix	No	Course Title	Cr	Gr	Term
HUMA	1125	Moral Problems	3		
Goal 10: People and the Environment (one course 3 cr)					
HIST	2525	Minnesota History	(3)		

Part II. Additional Requirements for AA Degree					
Health and Wellness Requirement (2 cr)					
Prefix	No	Course Title	Cr	Gr	Term
Technology Requirement (2 cr)					
Prefix	No	Course Title	Cr	Gr	Term

Part III. Elective Courses for AA Degree					
Prefix	No	Course Title	Cr	Gr	Term
POLS	1101	Intro to Political Science	3		
POLS	1120	American Government	3		
POLS	1130	World Politics	3		
POLS	1140	Environment & Society	3		
PSYC	2531	Social Psychology	3		
INSP	1525	Career and Ed Planning	1		
Elective Required credits (16 credits)					

Be sure your AA Degree Plan is approved by your advisor. Changes may be made to this plan by meeting with the AA Degree Advisor.

AA Degree Advisor Signature _____ Date _____

AA Degree Checklist -

- I have received 33% or more of the program credits from MSC Southeast.
- I have earned a 2.0 GPA or greater. My overall GPA _____. My Mn Transfer Curriculum GPA _____.
- My AA plan has been approved by my AA Degree Advisor, including:
 - I have met the Transfer Goals credit requirement. Part I
 - I have met the Additional requirements. Part II
 - I have met the Elective credit requirements. Part III
- Once this plan has been successfully completed, you are ready to apply for graduation. See your AA Degree Advisor.