



Academic & Career **PATHWAYS**

Associate in Arts (A.A.)

Political Science Emphasis – Advising Guide

Politics are a part of the fabric of America. Those who know political science know how to raise public awareness of social issues, such as crime prevention, access to healthcare, protection of the environment and how to influence government or in labor, political or professional organizations. They gather and analyze information to help plan and interpret policies. Most political scientists - about 63 percent - work for the federal government. You may want to specialize in an area of politics. Politicians rely on teams of expert analysts and consultants to fill in the gaps of their election platforms. You may also study the hidden psychological elements of politics to become a powerful advisor to cover the fascinating relations and constitutional law. We even offer a practicum in public administration. You'll review formal laws and traditions, as well as the informal but powerful ways people influence each other. You may gain a new appreciation of the art of backroom lobbying. Our political science program is built around the Associate in Arts (AA) degree. This degree gives you a solid two-year background in general education courses that can transfer to a four-year institution.

Semester 1		
Course	Credits	Action Steps
^ENGL 101 (Written Communications)	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with Academic Advisor to build degree plan in Starfish
POLS 136 (Elective)	3	
^MATH 115 (Mathematical Sciences)	3	
ARAB 101, ^ARAB 102, ART 110, ART 108, ART 150, ART 151, CHIN 101, ^CHIN 102, ^COMM 128, ^ENGL 201, ^ENGL 209, ENGL 214, ENGL 216, ENGL 218, ENGL 220, ENGL 221, ENGL 222, ENGL 223, ENGL 240, ENGL 254, ENGL 255, ENGL 260, ENGL 262, ENGL 264, ENGL 267, ENGL 268, FREN 101, ^FREN 102, HIST 133, HIST 134, GERM 101, ^GERM 102, MUSI 101, MUSI 103, MUSI 105, MUSI 107, MUSI 108, MUSI 116, MUSI 134, MUSI 160, PHIL 100, PHIL 101, PHIL 148, PHIL 200, PHIL 203, ^SPAN 102, ^THEA 106, THEA 116 or THEA 120 (Humanities & Fine Arts)	3 – 5*	
<i>*May need to add a course here if choosing a Humanities under 5 credits</i>	3*	
Total Credits	12 - 17	



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Semester 2		
^COMM 100 (Oral Communications)	3	• Research/contact transfer institutions
POLS 139 (Social & Behavioral Sciences/Civics)	3	
^ENGL 102 (Written Communications)	3	• Complete Civics exam with 70% or higher
^HIST 120 or HIST 121 (Social & Behavioral Sciences)	3	
ARAB 101, ^ARAB 102, ART 110, ART 108, ART 150, ART 151, CHIN 101, ^CHIN 102, ^COMM 128, ^ENGL 201, ^ENGL 209, ENGL 214, ENGL 216, ENGL 218, ENGL 220, ENGL 221, ENGL 222, ENGL 223, ENGL 240, ENGL 254, ENGL 255, ENGL 260, ENGL 262, ENGL 264, ENGL 267, ENGL 268, FREN 101, ^FREN 102, HIST 133, HIST 134, GERM 101, ^GERM 102, MUSI 101, MUSI 103, MUSI 105, MUSI 107, MUSI 108, MUSI 116, MUSI 134, MUSI 160, PHIL 100, PHIL 101, PHIL 148, PHIL 200, PHIL 203, ^SPAN 102, ^THEA 106, THEA 116 or THEA 120 (Humanities & Fine Arts)	3 - 5*	
Total Credits	15 - 17	
Semester 3		
POLS 202 (Elective/Global Diversity)	3	• Apply for admission at transfer institution
HIST 133 or HIST 134 (Humanities & Fine Arts)	3	
BIOL 132, PHYS 101, PHYS 104, or PHYS 106 (Natural Sciences without lab) OR BIOL 101, BIOL 102, BIOL 104, BIOL 106, BIOL 110, ^BIOL 210, CHEM 101, CHEM 105, ^CHEM 107, ^CHEM 111, GEOG 104, GEOG 110, GEOL 101, GEOL 103, GEOL 110, GEOL 180, ^PHYS 101L, ^PHYS 104L, ^PHYS 106L, ^PHYS 130, or ^PHYS 220 (Natural Sciences with lab) - Natural Sciences *must take two different courses for the degree, at least one with a lab	3 - 5*	• Apply for scholarships at transfer institution
ANTH 100, ANTH 110, COMM 112, COMM 233, CRJU 101, ECON 110, ^ECON 210, ^ECON 211, GEOG 105, GEOG 113, HIST 120, HIST 121, POLS 136, POLS 234, PSYC 140, ^PSYC 243, SOCI 160, SOCI 161, or SOCI 163 (Social & Behavioral Sciences)	3 - 4*	
Any course 100 or higher (Elective)	3	
Total Credits	15 - 18	
Semester 4		
POLS 234 (Elective)	3	• Apply for Graduation
BIOL 132, PHYS 101, PHYS 104, or PHYS 106 (Natural Sciences without lab) OR BIOL 101, BIOL 102, BIOL 104, BIOL 106, BIOL 110, ^BIOL 210, CHEM 101, CHEM 105, ^CHEM 107, ^CHEM 111, GEOG 104, GEOG 110, GEOL 101, GEOL 103, GEOL 110, GEOL 180, ^PHYS 101L, ^PHYS 104L, ^PHYS 106L, ^PHYS 130, or ^PHYS 220 (Natural Sciences with lab) - Natural Sciences *must take two different courses for the degree, at least one with a lab	3 - 5*	
Any course 100 or higher (Elective)	3	
ENGL 214, ENGL 216, ENGL 218, ENGL 220, ENGL 221, ENGL 222, ENGL 223, ENGL 240, ENGL 254, ENGL 255, ENGL 260, ENGL 262, ENGL 264, ENGL 267, ENGL 268, PHIL 100, PHIL 101, PHIL 148, PHIL 200, or PHIL 203 (Humanities & Fine Arts)	3	
Total Credits	12 - 14	
Credits Required	60*	

*The A.A. degree requires at least 60 total credits to graduate. When selecting a course from multiple options, please consider the number of credits for each course to ensure meeting the minimum requirements for graduation.



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This Pathway Map is an advising tool designed for full-time students on this A.A. degree and identifies the course taking recommendation for timely degree completion. Please be aware that all pathway maps can be modified to fit the individual needs of students. Degree requirements and prerequisite information can be found here: <https://www.mcckc.edu/programs/aa/> All students are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor to develop an individualized completion plan that best meets their goals, interests, and objectives.

^Course requires a prerequisite or appropriate placement, see catalog for additional information.