



Associate in Arts (A.A.)

SOCIAL SCIENCES & PUBLIC SERVICE

Political Science Emphasis - Part-Time 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	Meet with Academic Advisor to set up an academic plan
POLS 136 (Elective)	3	
^COMM 100 (Oral Communications)	3	
Total Credits	9	
Semester 2		
^MATH 115 (Mathematical Sciences)	3	Meet with Academic Advisor to check-in on progress
^ENGL 102 (Written Communications)	3	
POLS 139 (Social & Behavioral Sciences/Civics)	3	
Total Credits	9	
Semester 3		
BIOL 132, PHYS 101, PHYS 104, or PHYS 106 (Natural Sciences without lab) OR	3 – 5	Meet with
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105, ^CHEM 107, ^CHEM 111, GEOG 104, GEOG 110, GEOL 101, GEOL 103,		progress
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^PHYS 220 (Natural Sciences with lab) - Natural Sciences *must take two different		
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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 &	3 - 4*	
Behavioral Sciences)		
Total Credits	6 – 9*	



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Academic & Career PATHWAYS

*The A.A. degree requires a minimum of 61 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.

This Pathway Map is an advising tool designed for partl-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.