PATHWAY: Political Science

Visit your College Advisor, ccc.edu, or your college's Transfer Center for more information.

Whether they're conservative or liberal, cynical or idealistic, one common characteristic among students interested in political science and government is their addiction to politics. If active engagement in the political system is for you, a political science emphasis is a great way to get started. Those interested in political science and government study the systems people set up to organize their societies, from neighborhoods to nations. If you are interested in a career in government, law, public policy, civic leadership, campaign organizing or even becoming the next president–political science might be just the ticket.

This is an **example course sequence** for students interested in pursuing Political Science. This does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. If this pathway is followed as outlined, you will earn an AA degree. One course will satisfy the Human Diversity (HD) requirement, and is labeled with an (HD) in the sequence below. Following this pathway will help you get your associate degree, which will increase your chances of transfer to Bachelor's-level programs of study. Choose Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) courses to fulfill general education requirements whenever possible. Visit www.itransfer.org and speak with your college advisor to learn more about IAI.

DEGREE CODE:
AA 210

Choose your courses with your College Advisor.

Communications and mathematics pre-credit requirements. Placements based on COMPASS, ACT or department chair recommendation.			College-level courses that can be taken while in pre-credit courses.	
ENGLISH PLACEMENT	**READING PLACEMENT**	**MATHEMATICS PLACEMENT**	**GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES**	**ELECTIVE COURSES**
☐ ESL/FS Writing	☐ ESL/FS Reading	☐ FS Mathematics I	☐ Humanities: Africana Studies 101	☐ College Success
☐ ESL/English 98	☐ ESL/Reading 99	☐ FS Mathematics II		☐ World Languages
☐ ESL 99	☐ ESL/Reading 100	☐ Mathematics 98		
☐ ESL/English 100	☐ Reading 125	☐ Mathematics 99		

SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER PROGRAM PLAN FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS
All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters.

D	SEMESTER 1	CATEGORY	ACHIEVEMENTS & NEXT ACTIONS
●	English 101–Composition I (3)	*Communications*	
●	Mathematics 118–General Education Mathematics **OR** higher (4)	*Mathematics*	**DO THIS**–Meet with advisor to confirm plans
●	Fine Arts course (3)	*Fine Arts*	**DO THIS**–Begin research on four-year schools
●	Social Science 102–General Course II (3)	*Social & Behavioral Sciences*	
●	Political Science 201–National Government (3)	*Social & Behavioral Sciences*	
	16 CREDIT HOURS		

D	SEMESTER 2	CATEGORY	ACHIEVEMENTS & NEXT ACTIONS
●	Speech 101–Fundamentals of Speech Communication (3)	*Communications*	
●	Physical Sciences course (4)	*Physical Sciences*	**DO THIS**–Mid-term check-in with advisor
●	Humanities course (3)	*Humanities*	**DO THIS**–Visit your campus Transfer Center to discuss options and create a short
●	Political Science 204–International Relations (3) (HD)	*Social & Behavioral Sciences (HD)*	list of four-year schools for potential transfer
●	Program Elective (3)	*Elective*	
	16 CREDIT HOURS		

D	SEMESTER 3	CATEGORY	ACHIEVEMENTS & NEXT ACTIONS
●	Life Sciences course (4)	*Life Sciences*	
●	English 102–Composition II (3)	*Communications*	**DO THIS**–Mid-term check-in with advisor
●	Program Elective (3)	*Elective*	**DO THIS**–Begin seeking additional four-year funding outlets such as scholarships and aid
●	Program Elective (3)	*Elective*	**DO THIS**–Prepare documentation for college application
●	Program Elective (3)	*Elective*	
	16 CREDIT HOURS		

D	SEMESTER 4	CATEGORY	ACHIEVEMENTS & NEXT ACTIONS
●	Fine Arts & Humanities course (3)	*Fine Arts & Humanities*	
●	Program Elective (3)	*Elective*	**COMPLETION** of Associate in Arts degree in Political Science
●	Program Elective (3)	*Elective*	**DO THIS**–Apply to four-year schools of your choice
●	Program Elective (3)	*Elective*	
	12 CREDIT HOURS		
	DEGREE MINIMUM: 60 CREDIT HOURS // PATHWAY TOTAL: 60 CREDIT HOURS		