

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Program Code: S.POS.AA

Associate in Arts (A.A.)

Graduation requirement — 60 semester hours

Political Science is the study of the theory and practice of government and politics. Students of politics describe and analyze political systems and behavior. Baccalaureate programs offer courses in areas such as public administration, public law, international relations, comparative politics, political behavior, political philosophy, and U.S. government. Students interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree in political science are strongly encouraged to complete an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree prior to transfer. A minimum of 60 semester credits is required for transfer as a junior into a baccalaureate Political Science program. Since admission is competitive, completing the recommended courses does not by itself guarantee admission.

Students should plan their transfer programs with a Parkland academic success advisor and the catalog of the four-year college or university they plan to attend.

Program Note

- Recommended courses are designed to facilitate completion of the A.A. degree and transfer into a four-year college or university with junior standing in a chosen academic path. Students are advised to follow the recommendations.

Required General Education Core Courses (38 hours)

Cr. Hrs.

Communications (9)	
COM 103 Introduction to Public Speaking	3
ENG 101 Composition I	3
ENG 102 Composition II	3
Humanities/Fine Arts electives	9
• Choose at least one course from Humanities and one from Fine Arts	
Social/Behavioral Sciences electives	9
• Soc/Beh Sci courses must be from at least two disciplines	
• One course from Hum/Fine Arts or Soc/Beh Sci must fulfill the non-Western culture requirement	
Mathematics elective	3
Life Sciences (laboratory-based) elective	4
Physical Sciences (laboratory-based) elective	4

A.A. Degree Requirement (3 hours)

LAS 188 Diverse U.S. Cultural Expression	
or LAS 189 Introduction to Liberal Arts and Sciences	3

Recommended Courses (9 hours)

POS 122 American National Government	3
POS 124 State and Local Government	3
POS 202 International Relations	3

Electives (10 hours)

Select courses to meet the 60-hour degree requirement	
Electives	10

Total Semester Credit Hours	60
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