



## WHAT IS POLITICAL SCIENCE?

Political science as a discipline encompasses a broad range of subfields that attempt to describe and explain the political process, politics, and relationships among governments. The general areas of study in political science include American government and politics, political theory, public administration, public law, comparative politics, and international relations.

## CAREERS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

- Government Executive/Legislator
- Government Lawyer
- News Analyst, Reporter, Correspondent
- Public Interest Advocate
- Public Interest Lawyer

*For more Career Resources to help you explore the possibilities, see the other side.*

## WHAT DEGREE DO I GET AT WWCC?

For transferring to a university to pursue a major in Political Science, you may want to complete an Associate in Arts-DTA at WWCC. Below are recommended courses to prepare you for this major. Check out [www.wvcc.edu/associateinarts](http://www.wvcc.edu/associateinarts) for specific degree requirements.

## RECOMMENDED COURSES

Every university and major may require slightly different prerequisites. It is highly recommended that you speak with a representative at the future institution to identify specific prerequisite coursework or other requirements to be ready for your major (eg-minimum GPA requirements) and work with your advisor to develop an Education Plan including proper courses. The courses listed below are recommended only, completion of these courses does not guarantee admissions to institutions or programs.

### COMMUNICATIONS (13 CREDITS REQUIRED)

- ENGL&101-Composition I
- ENGL&102-Composition II
- CMST&220-Public Speaking

### HUMANITIES (15 CREDITS REQUIRED)

- PHIL&131-Introduction to Ethics
- Select a Literature course and an additional Humanities course with your Advisor

### NATURAL SCIENCES (15 CREDITS REQUIRED)

- Select 3 Natural Science courses with your Advisor

*The AA degree requires an additional 3 credits for Physical Activity courses, First Year Experience, and a Diversity course for completion.*

### QUANTITATIVE (5 CREDITS REQUIRED)

- MATH&146-Intro to Statistics

### SOCIAL SCIENCES (15 CREDITS REQUIRED)

- POLS&202-American Government
- ECON&201-Microeconomics
- HIST&146-US History I

### ELECTIVES (24 CREDITS REQUIRED)

- HIST&147-US History II
- HIST&148-US History III
- BUS&201-Business Law
- SOC&101-Introduction to Sociology
- Select an additional elective with your Advisor

### Important Notes:

*While an advisor is available to help research and plan courses, it is the student's responsibility to research and communicate with schools and programs to which they intend to apply to verify prerequisites and requirements as these vary and are subject to change.*

## SOME SCHOOLS WITH A POLITICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM:

- Boise State University
- Central Washington University
- Eastern Washington University
- Lewis~Clark State College
- University of Idaho
- Washington State University
- Western Washington University

*This is general guide for planning purposes and does not include specific dates for specific schools; that information must be obtained from your prospective colleges and universities. There are more schools offering a major in Political Science. For more Transfer Tips and Resources including schools with this pathway, see the other side or visit*

[www.wvcc.edu/transfer-center/programs](http://www.wvcc.edu/transfer-center/programs)

## CAREER RESOURCES

- American Political Science Association - [www.aspanet.org](http://www.aspanet.org)

For more information and resources, please visit our Career website at: [www.wvcc.edu/career-services](http://www.wvcc.edu/career-services)

## TRANSFER TIPS & RESOURCES

Please visit the Transfer Center at [www.wvcc.edu/transfer](http://www.wvcc.edu/transfer)

### By the end of the First year or 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.....

- ✓ Select a major or area of study and select the appropriate WVCC degree to meet your goals
- ✓ Narrow your potential transfer schools to 3-5 schools
- ✓ Make a list of transfer requirements for your school(s) and major
- ✓ With your advisor, draw up an education plan to plot out the courses for degree completion and major readiness

### Other things to do:

- Talk with college representatives that visit WVCC
- Contact an advisor at the transfer institution in which you are interested, make sure your education plan will work for the major
- Visit the campus (if applicable) of your potential transfer school
- Fill out interest cards to receive information from schools
- Apply for TRiO and/or the Honors program if eligible

### In the Second Year....

#### Fall

- ✓ Apply for admissions to your transfer school(s) of choice, (providing copies of official transcripts from all schools you have attended)
- ✓ Contact an advisor at your prospective transfer school
- ✓ Research scholarship eligibility and deadlines, prepare to apply

#### Winter

- ✓ Complete the FAFSA and additional financial aid material required by your transfer school
- ✓ Complete scholarship applications
- ✓ Start considering housing options at your transfer school
- ✓ Apply for your degree at WVCC

#### Spring

- ✓ Complete graduation requirements for WVCC
- ✓ Accept/reject university offers
- ✓ Apply for housing (If needed)
- ✓ Request final transcript from WVCC after grades and degree(s) are posted
- ✓ Attend an Orientation session at transfer institution

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