POLITICAL SCIENCE Associate of Art/Associate of Science degree



Program and Career Description:

The Political Science emphasis is a two-year program for students planning to complete a bachelor's degree at a four-year school. Individuals majoring in political science have a variety of job careers such as lawyers, politicians, and police officers. A few selected careers are listed below.

Career	Median Experience - Average wage	
Lawyer	\$124,750	
Police Officer	\$52,810	
Court Reporter	\$51,960	

Career and salary information taken from www.bls.gov. Check out this web site for additional information about education requirements and preferred work styles and abilities for these careers. Salaries are not guaranteed.

Transfer Options

Per the *Complete College Tennessee Act of 2010*, this degree will be transferable to any of the following universities offering a Baccalaureate degree in this major:

- Austin Peay State University
- East Tennessee State University
- Middle Tennessee State University
- Tennessee State University
- Tennessee Tech University

- University of Memphis
- University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
- University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- University of Tennessee, Martin

Articulation agreements exist between other private and non-TN public institutions. These agreements are available at www.columbiastate.edu/admissions/transfer-information.



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Major in Tennessee Transfer Pathway with Emphasis in Political Science (A.A., A.S.)

Program Requirements

Students may be required to take additional Learning Support courses.

Communications Requirement ENGL 1010, 1020 SPCH 1010 or SPCH 1030

History Requirement (Take 2 courses) HIST 1110, 1120, 2010, 2020, 2030

Humanities/Fine Arts (Take 3 courses -- one must be a literature course) ART 1030 ARTH 2010, 2020 ENGL 2015 HUM 1130, 1131 MUS 1030 PHIL 1030, 2030, 2033 THEA 1030 Literature Options: ENGL 2130, 2230, 2310, 2320, 2920

Natural Sciences Requirement (Take 2 courses) ASTR 1030 BIOL 1030 (must not be paired with another BIOL) BIOL 1110, 1120, 2010, 2020 CHEM 1110, 1120 GEOG 1010, 1020 PHYS 2010, 2020, 2110, 2120 PSCI 1030

Mathematics Requirement MATH 1530

Social/Behavioral Sciences ECON 2010 (required) Take one course from the following: ANTH 1200, 1300 ECON 2020 GEOG 2010 PHED 2120 POL 201, POLS 1501, 2010 (Cannot be used more than once to satisfy program requirements) PSYC 1030, 2130 SOCI 1010, 1020, 2010

Major Required Courses POL or POLS Elective (POL 201 or POLS 1501 or POLS 2010) POLS 1030 Electives*

*Note: An elective can be any college-level course.

If you have completed TN eCampus courses, run a degree audit from the student tab in myChargerNet to determine how these courses apply to this program.

Requirements for Graduation include:

- earning 25% of total program credits in residence at Columbia State.
- cumulative GPA must be 2.0.
- taking the Exit Exam.

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Sample Academic Plan

First Year – Fall Semester

ENGL 1010	Composition I	3
ECON 2010	Macroeconomics	3
MATH 1530	Elementary Statistics	3
Humanities/Fine Arts		3
COLS 101	Columbia State College Success	1
Elective*		2
		15

First Year – Spring Semester

ENGL 1020 Composition II	3
SPCH 1010 Fundamentals of Speech Communication	on or
SPCH 1030 Argumentation & Debate	3
Social/Behavioral Science	3
POLS 1030 American Government	3
Electives*	3
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Second Year – Fall Semester

Literature Requirement	3
History Requirement	3
Natural Science Requirement	4
Humanities/Fine Arts	3
Elective*	3
	16
Second Year – Spring Semester	

Natural Science Requirement 3 POL or POLS Elective 3 History Requirement 3 Elective* 4

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 60

*If pursuing the A.A. degree, 6 of the 13 elective hours must be one-year sequence of the SAME foreign language. Requirements for a Bachelor of Arts Degree at universities include demonstrated competency in foreign language at the intermediate level. Community college students are encouraged to attain intermediate-level competency in foreign before transferring. Complete information At some universities, foreign language may be required in certain programs that lead to the Bachelor of Arts Degree. Complete information regarding foreign language requirements at each university may be found on the transfer and articulation web sites of the Tennessee Board of Regents and the University of Tennessee System. Community college students are encouraged to be familiar with foreign language requirements at the universities and, if applicable, complete the requirements before transferring.

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