

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJORS (Suggested Associate in Arts Degree Curriculum)

This worksheet is designed to help students select courses which are likely to apply to a **major in POLITICAL SCIENCE**. These suggested courses satisfy requirements in the **Associate in Arts degree** program at Prairie State College and provide the basis for transferring to a four-year institution. This program meets the guidelines of the **IAI (Illinois Articulation Initiative) Baccalaureate Major Panel for Political Science**. Students should obtain a copy of the **Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet** and should visit the IAI website at www.itransfer.org for more information.

This transfer program provides students with a broad background to examine all aspects of public life and prepares them to be alert and well-informed participants in a wide variety of local, state, national and international issues. Political Science is the study of the theory and practice of government and politics. Students learn to 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, and political philosophy. Students are strongly encouraged to complete the Associate in Arts degree prior to transfer.

SUGGESTED CURRICULUM

Each senior institution has its own transfer policies. Therefore, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of this information in regard to every individual school. Consult the school of your choice and/or the Prairie State College Counseling and Advising Center to discuss the transferability of courses.

TRANSFERABLE GENERAL EDUCATION CORE (37-38 credits)

Area A: Communications (9 credits)

ENG 101 (3)	[C1 900]*	Composition I (Prereq. ENG 099, C or better, or qualifying score on English Placement Test)
ENG 102 (3)	[C1 901R]*	Composition II (Prereq. ENG 101, C or better)
COMM 101(3)	[C2 900]	Principles of Communication (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

**Must have a C or better in ENG 101 & 102 to receive credit for the degree.*

Area B: Humanities and Fine Arts (9 credits)

Select three courses with at least one course selected from the humanities area and one course from the fine arts area. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet, Area B, for a listing of approved course choices.

Humanities Course (3)	Select any Area B Humanities Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
Fine Arts Course (3)	Select any Area B Fine Arts Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
Humanities/Fine Arts Course (3)	Select any Area B Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

Area C: Mathematics (3 credits)

MATH 112 (3)	[M1 904]	General Education Mathematics (Prereq. MATH 095 & 096 with C or better OR MATH 095 and high school geometry, both with C or better OR qualifying score on Math Placement Test)
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MATH 115 (3)	[M1 902]	General Education Statistics (Prereq. MATH 095 & 096 with C or better OR MATH 095 and high school geometry, both with C or better OR qualifying score on Math Placement Test)
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Area D: Physical and Life Sciences (7-8 credits)

Select one life science course and one physical science course. One course must have a lab component. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet, Area D, for a listing of approved course choices.

Life Science Course (3-4)	Select any Area D Life Science Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
Physical Science Course (3-4)	Select any Area D Physical Science Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

Area E: Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 credits)

Select three courses in at least two different disciplines. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet, Area E, for a listing of approved course choices.

Social/Behavioral Sci Course (3)	Select any Area E Social/Behav Sci Course other than political science (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
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