

## 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](http://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 PSC 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)

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##### 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)

**OR**

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)

##### 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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#### POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS (24-25 credits)

(Check with the school to which you plan to transfer to verify transferability of these courses for this major)

Select 24-25 credit from the “suggested” course recommendations listed below:

**Suggested IAI Political Science Major Core courses include:**

**Required IAI Political Science Prerequisite Course:**

POLSC 140 (3) [S5 900] Introduction to U.S. Government & Politics (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

**Suggested IAI Major Field Courses:**

POLSC 101 (3) Principles of Political Science (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

POLSC 152 (3) [PLS 915] U.S., State, and Local Government (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

POLSC 230 (3) [PLS 914] Introduction to Comparative Government (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

POLSC 240 (3) [PLS 912] Introduction to International Relations (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

**Other suggested courses that satisfy the PSC AA degree requirements may include electives such as:**

Any additional general education courses selected from Areas B, C, D, or E

Any entry level majors course in a transferable major area

Any foreign language courses\*

Up to four credits of physical education courses

Additional courses recommended as transferable by the school(s) to which you plan to transfer.

*\*Foreign Language Requirement: Some universities have a foreign language requirement. Generally, four years of a single foreign language in high school, or four semesters in college, will fulfill this requirement. It is recommended that students complete the entire sequence at one institution.*

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## 62 HOURS OF CREDIT REQUIRED FOR AN ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

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**FOR TRANSFER INFORMATION:**

Course Applicability System (CAS): [www.transfer.org](http://www.transfer.org)

Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI): [www.iTransfer.org](http://www.iTransfer.org)

Links to Articulation Tables for Illinois Colleges: <http://www.itransfer.org/IAI/Other/Articulationlinks.taf>

Visit the web sites of colleges and universities to which you plan to transfer.

**FOR CAREER INFORMATION:**

Occupational Outlook Handbook, U.S. Department of Labor: <http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm>

American Political Science Association: <http://www.apsanet.org>