

POLITICAL SCIENCE

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS (AA) DEGREE

POLITICAL SCIENCE CONCENTRATION

For students considering a major in POLITICAL SCIENCE upon transferring to a four-year institution, the Associate of Arts degree with a POLITICAL SCIENCE concentration from ACC offers a strong foundation, providing essential courses that serve as building blocks for advanced study.

A concentration in POLITICAL SCIENCE can lead to diverse career opportunities, including teaching, legal studies, law, public policy, research, and roles in both the private and public sectors, including political analysts, public relations specialists, lobbyists, and government officials.

Program Objectives

Upon graduating from ACC with an Associate of Arts degree with a concentration in POLITICAL SCIENCE, students will:

1. **Demonstrate** a broad understanding of politics and government within a global context.
2. **Develop** a comprehensive understanding of the causes, key events, individuals, and trends in U.S. and world politics and government, along with their lasting impacts on both personal and professional aspects of life and as citizens.
3. **Perform** critical thinking, research, documentation, and communication skills.

It is strongly recommended that students consult with an ACC Academic Advisor in POLITICAL SCIENCE to ensure they meet specific program requirements, objectives, and transfer goals.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (PR)

PLS 221	AMERICAN GOVERNMENT & POLITICS (3/3)
PLS 222	STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT (3/3)
HST 221	US HISTORY I (3/3)
HST 222	US HISTORY II (3/3)

GENERAL EDUCATION

DEGREE DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

GROUP 1 (G1) – ENGLISH COMPOSITION

Six (6) semester credits are required, including ENG 111 or 121 and 112, 122 or 123

GROUP 2 (G2) – SCIENCES/MATHEMATICS

Eight (8) semester credits are required, including at least one laboratory science course. Courses will be taken in more than one academic discipline (course abbreviation/prefix). Note: Two (2) courses in Natural Sciences, including one with laboratory experience (from two disciplines), in addition to MTH 118 or MTH 121 or higher, are required to achieve the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA).

GROUP 3 (G3) – SOCIAL SCIENCES

Eight (8) semester credits are required, including the Political Science or U.S. History courses used to satisfy the American Government requirement. Courses will be taken in more than one academic discipline (course abbreviation/prefix).

GROUP 4 (G4) – HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS

Eight (8) semester credits are required, and they must include either: a.) A combination of courses taken in more than one academic discipline (course abbreviation/prefix) or b.) HUM 241 and 242 — Humanities I and II. Note: Two (2) courses in Humanities and Fine Arts (from two disciplines and excluding studio and performance classes) are required for the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA).

ELECTIVE CREDITS (EC)

The remainder of credits for an AA degree with this concentration should be oriented toward additional courses in POLITICAL SCIENCE such as **PLS 228**, **PLS 230** when available, or selected from **ANP**, **ART**, **ECN**, **EDU**, **ENG**, **GEO**, **HST**, **HUM**, **MUS**, **PFA**, **PHL**, **PLS**, **PSY**, **SOC**, **SPE**, and/or foreign language courses in consultation with an ACC Academic Advisor in POLITICAL SCIENCE. It is strongly recommended that foreign language preparation begin as soon as possible, if pursued.

RECOMMENDED COURSES - SEQUENCE

GROUP 1-4 REQUIREMENTS + ELECTIVE CREDITS

Meets ACC degree distribution and MTA requirements

60 CREDITS - 62 CONTACT HOURS

YEAR 1 FALL	16 CREDITS
G1	ENG 111 ENGLISH COMPOSITION I (3/3)
G2	MTH 118 MATH FOR LIBERAL ARTS/QR (4/4)
G3 PR	PLS 221 AMERICAN GOVERNMENT & POLITICS (3/3)
G3 PR	HST 221 US HISTORY I (3/3)
EC	ELECTIVE GENERAL ELECTIVE (3/3)

YEAR 1 SPRING	16 CREDITS
G1	ENG 112 ENGLISH COMPOSITION II (3/3)
G2	GEO 127 PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY (4/5)
G3 PR	HST 222 US HISTORY II (3/3)
G3	PSY 101 GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)
G4	SPE 121 SPEECH COMMUNICATION (3/3)

YEAR 2 FALL	14 CREDITS
G2	PHS 113 INTRO TO PHYSICAL SCIENCE (4/5)
G3	ANP 121 CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY (3/3)
G3	ECN 231 ECONOMICS (MICRO) (3/3)
G4	HUM 241 HUMANITIES I (4/4)

YEAR 2 SPRING	14 CREDITS
G3 PR	PLS 222 STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT (3/3)
G3	ECN 232 ECONOMICS (MACRO) (3/3)
G4	HUM 242 HUMANITIES II (4/4)
EC	ELECTIVE GENERAL ELECTIVE (4/4)