

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

## Political Science

### Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Political Science is a social science, which deals with the distribution of power and resources through systems of governance. The Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) with a focus in political science includes courses that are commonly required for this major and meets lower division general education requirements at all Oregon public universities.

#### PROGRAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

None

#### PROGRAM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

##### Academic Requirements

- Students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA to earn a COCC certificate or degree.
- All courses in the program must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

#### PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS

##### General Education/Foundational

##### Health

3 credits with HHP or HHPA prefix<sup>1</sup> 3

##### Mathematics

MTH 105 Math in Society (or higher) 4

##### Oral Communication

Choose one course from the following: 3-4

SP 111 Fundamentals Public Speaking

SP 114 Argumentation & Discourse

SP 115 Intro Intercultural Commun

SP 218 Interpersonal Communication

SP 219 Small Group Communication

##### Writing

WR 121 Academic Composition 4

WR 122 Argument, Research and Multimodal Composition 4

or WR 227 Technical Writing

##### General Education/Discipline Studies

One course must be designated as Cultural Literacy.

##### Arts and Letters 9-12

Choose at least three courses from at least two prefixes

##### Social Science 12-16

Choose at least four courses from at least two prefixes<sup>2</sup>

Recommend: PS 201, PS 204

##### Science/Math/Computer Science 12-20

Choose at least four courses from at least two prefixes including at least three laboratory courses in biological and/or physical science

##### Electives 39

Choose enough electives to reach 90 credits

Recommend: PS 206

**Total Credits 90-106**

<sup>1</sup> HHPA activity courses (1 credit each) are not to be duplicated.

<sup>2</sup> Take another course from the Social Science Discipline Studies list that does not have a PS prefix.

#### ADVISING NOTES

Political Science courses do not need to be taken in sequence.

Students pursuing a BA after transfer should consider completing three terms of a 200-level language course. The 100-level language courses will count as electives. The 200-level language courses will partially fulfill the Arts and Letters requirement.

Students pursuing a BS after transfer should consider taking more math and science courses. Language is not necessary. For specific details, speak with an advisor. It is recommended that students pursuing a political science major take additional social sciences courses to fulfill some of their elective credits. Economics, geography and history courses are particularly helpful in this regard.