

## Associate in Arts (653)

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Political Science is the study of the theory and practice of government and politics. Students of politics 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, political philosophy, and U.S. government. Community college students interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree in Political Science are strongly encouraged to complete an Associate degree prior to transfer.

**Students who have already chosen the university to which they plan to transfer should consult that institution's catalog or department advisor and an SVCC academic advisor in planning their program.**

Students pursuing social science education should meet with an academic advisor.

### Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College

Academic Advising, 815/835-6354;

Dr. Paul Edleman, Professor of Speech/Political Science, 815/835-6265.

Political Science - IAI Recommended Baccalaureate Curriculum

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## Suggested Program

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First Semester - Sem/Hrs: 17

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- Humanities 3 Semester hour(s)
- \*Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
- Math 3 Semester hour(s)
  
- ENG 101 - Composition I 3 Semester hour(s)
- FYE 101 - First Year Experience 1 Semester hour(s)
- PSC 163 - American Politics and Government 3 Semester hour(s)

Second Semester - Sem/Hrs: 16

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- Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
- Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
  
- ENG 103 - Composition II 3 Semester hour(s)
- PSC 233 - Politics of the Developing World 3 Semester hour(s)
- SPE 131 - Introduction to Oral Communication 3 Semester hour(s)

Third Semester - Sem/Hrs: 14-15

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- Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
- \*\*Life Science 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- Elective 1 Semester hour(s)
  
- ECO 211 - Principles of Economics 3 Semester hour(s)
- PSC 232 - Introduction to Comparative Government 3 Semester hour(s)

Fourth Semester - Sem/Hrs: 16-17

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- Humanities/Fine Arts 4 Semester hour(s)

- \*\*Physical Science 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- Personal Development 3 Semester hour(s)
- Social/Behavioral Science 3 Semester Hours
  
- PSC 261 - International Relations 3 Semester hour(s)

Total Credits: 64

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#### Footnotes

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\*Competency in a single foreign language through the third or fourth college semester is often required.

\*\*One lab science required.

#### **Important to Note:**

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After completing American Politics and Government (GOV 163), Political Science majors may need to take additional social science courses to meet General Education requirements at the four year institution they plan to attend. Students are encouraged to work with academic advisors at their community college and at their transfer institution to select a program of courses that will best satisfy academic requirements at their four year college or university.

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