

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 in Arts degree prior to transfer.

**IMPORTANT TO NOTE:**

After completing American Politics and Government (PSC 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.

**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 secondary education should meet with an academic advisor.

Political Science - IAI Recommended Baccalaureate Curriculum

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### Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College

- Academic Advising, 815-835-6354
- Dr. Paul Edleman, Professor of Communication/Political Science, 815-835-6265

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## Total Hours Required - 64-65 Hours

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### Suggested Program

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#### First Semester - 17-18 Hours

- Humanities 3 Semester hour(s)
- \*Electives/Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
- Math 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- ENG 101 - Composition I (3 Semester Hours)
- FYE 101 - First Year Experience (1 Semester Hours)
- PSC 163 - Am Government & Politics (3 Semester Hours)

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#### Second Semester - 16 Hours

- \*Electives/Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
- Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- COM 131 - Intro to Oral Communication (3 Semester Hours)
- ENG 103 - Composition II (3 Semester Hours)
- PSC 233 - Politics of Developing World (3 Semester Hours)

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#### Third Semester - 14-15 Hours

- \*Electives/Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
- \*\*Life Science 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- Elective 1 Semester hour
- ECO 211 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3 Semester Hours)
- PSC 232 - Intro to Comparative Gov (3 Semester Hours)

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#### Fourth Semester - 16-17 Hours

- Humanities/Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)

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

## Footnotes

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- \*Three - four semesters of a college-level foreign language or three or four years of a high school level foreign language may be required for a Bachelor of Arts degree. A Bachelor of Science degree may require more courses in mathematics, statistics, and/or computer science. Contact an academic advisor for more information.
- \*\*One lab science required.