

Academic Programs

Associate in Arts Degree with a Concentration in Political Science (653)

The concentration in political science prepares students to transfer to a four-year institution to pursue a bachelor's degree in political science or international relations.

Political Science - IAI Recommended Baccalaureate Curriculum

Transfer Considerations

1. **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.
2. 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. Transfer guides for some universities are available at svcc.edu/transfer.
3. Students wanting to major in political science may have a choice of earning a B.A. or a B.S. degree, depending on the school they attend. Political science majors normally pursue a B.A. degree, but students should consult their Academic Advisor on the differences between degrees.
4. Students should complete the American Politics and Government (PSC 163) and International Relations (PSC 261) courses prior to transfer as these courses are foundational prerequisites at most colleges.

Competitive Admissions

Since admission is competitive, completing the recommended courses does not by itself guarantee admission.

Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College

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

Minimum Total Credit Hours - 64-65 Hours

Suggested Program

First Semester - 17-18 Hours

- Humanities 3 Semester hour(s)
- *Electives/Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
- Math 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- ENG101 - Composition I (3 Semester Hours)
- FYE101 - First Year Experience (1 Semester Hours)
- PSC163 - Am Government & Politics (3 Semester Hours)

Second Semester - 16 Hours

- *Electives/Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
- Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- COM131 - Intro to Oral Communication (3 Semester Hours)
- ENG103 - Composition II (3 Semester Hours)

- PSC233 - Politics of Developing World (3 Semester Hours)

Third Semester - 14-15 Hours

- *Electives/Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
- **Life Science 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- Elective 1 Semester hour
- ECO211 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3 Semester Hours)
- PSC232 - Intro to Comparative Gov (3 Semester Hours)

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)
- PSC261 - International Relations (3 Semester Hours)

Footnotes

- *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.