

**Applied Politics/Political Management**

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT (CoA)

REQUIRED CREDITS: 31

DEGREE CODE: PSC-CT

**DESCRIPTION**

This certificate is designed to provide students with the skills, knowledge, and experience necessary to access employment opportunities in the fields of campaign and political management, or to move into baccalaureate programs specifically tailored to these fields of endeavor in the political world. This program embraces both academic and practical/fieldwork curriculum in an effort to give students the opportunity to see and experience those aspects of this career field which are most relevant to their career goals.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- Develop and demonstrate communications skills commensurate with particular career goals within this discipline.
- Learn the many facets of campaign politics or political management in America's political arena.
- Develop abilities to conceptualize, strategize and implement political tactics and campaign plans.
- Develop critical thinking skills in areas of community relations, organizational management and control, and discipline.

**PLEASE NOTE** - The courses listed below may require a prerequisite or corequisite. Read course descriptions before registering for classes. All MATH and ENG courses numbered 01-99 must be completed before reaching 30 total college-level credits. No course under 100-level counts toward degree completion.

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (6 CREDITS)****COMMUNICATIONS (6-8 credits)**

COM 101, 102; ENG 100, 101, 107, 113; JOUR 102

**SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (25 CREDITS)****CORE REQUIREMENTS (13 credits)**

PSC 101	Introduction to American Politics	4
PSC 251	Introduction to Campaign Management	3
PSC 261	Introduction to Survey Research and Demographics	3
PSC 299	Government Internship	3

**ELECTIVES (choose 12 credits)**

PSC 252	Elements of Political Communication	3
PSC 253	Online Campaign Strategies	3
PSC 257	Political Parties and Interest Groups	3
PSC 259	Lobbying and Issue Advocacy	3
PSC 260	Grassroots Politics	3

Computation included in PSC 261

Human Relations included in PSC 101

**FULL-TIME STUDENT DEGREE PLAN***Plan can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters.*

FIRST SEMESTER	Credits
Complete Communications (see courses this page)	3-5
PSC 101 Introduction to American Politics	4
PSC 251 Introduction to Campaign Management	3
Complete Electives (see courses this page)	6
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....	<b>16-18</b>
SECOND SEMESTER	Credits
Complete Communications (see courses this page)	3
PSC 261 Introduction to Survey Research and Demographics	3
PSC 299 Government Internship	3
Complete Electives (see courses this page)	6
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....	<b>15</b>
<b>DEGREE PLAN TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....	<b>31-33</b>

- NOTE**
- Course numbers with the "B" suffix may be non-transferable for a NSHE baccalaureate degree.
  - Course numbers with the "H" suffix are designated Honors-level courses and can be used to fulfill equivalent general education requirements. For more information visit [www.csn.edu/honors](http://www.csn.edu/honors).
  - In no case, may one course be used to meet more than one requirement except for the Values and Diversity general education requirement (only AA, AS, and AB degrees) which may be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or emphasis requirement.
  - Students may elect to graduate using the degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation, or when they declared or changed major or the current catalog. If a program is official after a student has matriculated, the student may choose the degree requirements of the new program. In no case may a student use a catalog which is more than six years old at the time of graduation.

