

Political Science

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE (AA)

REQUIRED CREDITS: 60

DEGREE CODE: PSC-AA

DESCRIPTION

The Political Science program at CSN emphasizes familiarizing students with the basis and functioning of the United States and Nevada governments. Students will also learn about the workings of international relations and the role of the United States in world politics. The study of Political Science will prepare students to pursue many different jobs and careers, especially in the fields of government service, diplomacy, law, politics, and teaching.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, the Nevada Constitution, the role of the various branches of government, America's diverse political values and beliefs, political parties, interest groups, the electoral process, and the development of our civil liberties and rights.
- Analyze and compare domestic politics within each of several diverse countries including analysis of various types of political systems and institutions, political culture, the impact of ethnic and religious diversity within countries, and competing political and economic ideologies.
- Explore and evaluate competing theoretical approaches to international relations including an analysis of arguable causes and consequences of war, relations between regions of the world, the role of diverse international actors, and the role of the United States in world politics.
- Examine major political theories and philosophies and explain how they informed the creation of the U.S. Constitution and reforms that have transpired over time.

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 (33 CREDITS)**MATHEMATICS (3 credits)**

Recommended: MATH 120 Fundamentals of College Mathematics

ENGLISH COMPOSITION (6-8 credits)

See AA/AB/AS policy p. 47 for courses (must earn a C or better)

LITERATURE (3 credits)

See AA/AB/AS policy p. 47 for courses

ANALYTICAL REASONING (3 credits)

Recommended: PHIL 102 Reasoning and Critical Thinking

NATURAL SCIENCE (6-7 credits)

See AA/AB/AS policy p. 48 for courses

HUMANITIES (3 credits)

Required: COM 101 Oral Communications

FINE ARTS (3 credits)

See AA/AB/AS policy p. 48 for courses

U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS (6 credits)

HIST 101 and HIST 102; or HIST 101 and HIST 217; or HIST 102 and HIST 111; or HIST 111 and HIST 217

VALUES AND DIVERSITY

All students MUST fulfill this requirement. Course chosen may also be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or special program requirements. Completing PSC 201 as recommended for the Values and Diversity requirement will also cover 3 of the 12 credits needed to complete Electives on the Special Programs portion of the degree.

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (27 CREDITS)**CORE REQUIREMENTS (13 credits)**

PSC 101	Introduction to American Politics	4
PSC 200	Survey of Political Theory	3
PSC 211	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
PSC 231	Introduction to International Relations	3

ELECTIVES (choose 14 credits)

GLO 101	Introduction to Global Studies	3
PSC 201	Politics of Minority Groups	3
PSC 205	Latino Politics and Society	3
PSC 208	Survey of State and Local Government	3
PSC 210	American Public Policy	3
PSC 222	Terrorism and Political Violence	3
PSC 246	Politics of Developing Nations	3
PSC 251	Introduction to Campaign Management	3
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
PSC 261	Introduction to Survey Research and Demographics	3
PSC 295	Special Topics in Political Science	1-3
PSC 297	Capstone in Political Science	2
PSC 299	Government Internship	3

See Degree Plan on next page.

- 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.
 - 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.



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FULL-TIME STUDENT DEGREE PLAN*Add more semesters to modify this plan to fit part-time student needs.*

FIRST SEMESTER	Credits
MATH 120 Fundamentals of College Mathematics	3
ENG 100 or 101 or 113	3-5
PHIL 102 Reasoning and Critical Thinking	3
COM 101 Oral Communication	3
PSC 200 Survey of Political Theory	3
TOTAL CREDITS	15-17
SECOND SEMESTER	Credits
ENG 102 or 114	3
Complete AA/AS/AB Natural Science ¹ (with lab) p. 48	3-4
HIST 101 or 111	3
PSC 101 Introduction to American Politics	4
Complete Electives ² (see courses previous page)	3
TOTAL CREDITS	16-17
THIRD SEMESTER	Credits
Complete AA/AB/AS Natural Science (no lab) p. 48	3
HIST 102 or 217	3
PSC 211 Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
Complete Electives ² (see courses previous page)	6
TOTAL CREDITS	15
FOURTH SEMESTER	Credits
See AA/AB/AS Literature p. 47	3
See AA/AB/AS Fine Arts p. 48	3
PSC 231 Introduction to International Politics	3
PSC 297 Capstone in Political Science	2
Complete Electives ² (see courses previous page)	3
TOTAL CREDITS	14
DEGREE PLAN TOTAL CREDITS	60-63

¹Only BIOL 122 Desert Plants will satisfy this requirement at 3 credits and is only offered in the spring semester.

²Completing PSC 201 as one of your Electives will also cover the Values and Diversity general education requirement.

