

# Associate of Arts DEGREE

## Political Science Transfer Pathway

### Program Overview

The Associate of Arts Degree - Political Science Transfer Pathway provides students with the opportunity to learn both the political science-based interpretation of public policy as well as the integration of other disciplines and fields that directly contribute to the management of public interest.

### Career Opportunities

Students who successfully complete the Associate of Arts Degree – Political Science Transfer Pathway will be prepared to transfer to a baccalaureate program in Social Science or Political Science. With a degree in political science you can work in a number of fields within the Government and Public Administration system such as compliance officers, operations managers, political scientists, and public relations specialists.

### Program Outcomes

1. Students will describe the methods and concepts used in the field of political science.
2. Students will describe political institutions, theories, and processes.
3. Students will critically analyze political issues.
4. Students will reflect on their own moral and political values.

### Transfer Opportunities

Saint Paul College has a transfer articulation agreement between the following program and post-secondary institution for the baccalaureate degree program listed below.

For more information please go to [saintpaul.edu/Transfer](http://saintpaul.edu/Transfer).

#### Political Science Transfer Pathway

BA	Political Science
	Bemidji State University
BS	Political Science
	Minnesota State University, Mankato
BA	Political Science
	Minnesota State University, Moorhead
BA	Political Science
	Southwest Minnesota State University
BA	Political Science
	St. Cloud State University
BA	Political Science
	Winona State University

### Program Faculty

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### Program Requirements

Check off when completed

Pathway Requirements	Cr
<input type="checkbox"/> POLS 1720 Intro to American Government . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> POLS 1740 Intro to World Politics . . . . .	3
And one of the following:	
<input type="checkbox"/> POLS 1750 Intro to Political Science . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> POLS 1760 Intro to Political Philosophy . . . . .	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Political Science Electives . . . . .	11
Any MnTC Goal 5 course may be counted; however, the following are recommended:	
ECON 1720 Macroeconomics – 3 cr	
ECON 1730 Microeconomics – 3 cr	
PHIL 1720 Ethics- 3 cr	
POLS 1790 Special Topics in Political Science – 1-6 cr	
PSYC/SOCI 2720 Social Psychology – 4 cr	
SOCI 1720 Social Problems – 3 cr	
<b>Pathway Total . . . . .</b>	<b>20</b>

MnTC Requirements	Cr
Refer to the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Course List for each Goal Area	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 1: Communication . . . . .	9
ENGL 1711 Composition 1 – 4 cr	
ENGL 1712 Composition 2 – 2 cr	
COMM 17XX – 3 cr	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 2: Critical Thinking	
<i>Fulfilled when 10 goal areas (40 credits) are completed.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 3 Natural Science . . . . .	7
<i>Two courses from two different disciplines, one of which must be a lab course.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 4 : Mathematical/Logical Reasoning . . . . .	3
<i>One course numbered between 1700-1799 or 2700-2799.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 5: History, Social Science, and Behavioral Sciences . . . . .	9
<i>Three courses from two different disciplines. Pathway courses POLS 1720 – 3 cr, POLS 1740 – 3 cr will count toward Goal 5. One additional non-POLS course is required.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 6: Humanities & Fine Arts . . . . .	9
<i>Three courses from two different disciplines.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal Areas 7-10 of the MnTC	
<i>Select courses to meet all 10 Goal Areas</i>	
<b>MnTC Requirements Total . . . . .</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Total Program Credits . . . . .</b>	<b>60</b>

If courses are counted in both the Pathway Requirements and the MnTC Requirements students may need to complete additional classes to reach the 60 credit total.

### Program Advisor

Pathway Advisors are the Academic Advisors for the Associate of Arts degree and are located in the Advising Center, Room 1340, Main Floor. For assistance or additional information, please call our Advising Center at 651.846.1739 or email: [advising@saintpaul.edu](mailto:advising@saintpaul.edu)

### Additional Requirements

- At least 60 earned college-level credits (40 MnTC credits and 20 additional MnTC, pre-major or elective credits)
- A grade of "C" or better in ENGL1711
- Associate of Arts (AA) cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Meet Saint Paul College residency requirement: 20 credits. This requirement may be reduced to 12 credits with transfer of at least 12 college-level credits from another Minnesota State College and University or the University of Minnesota.

### Program Start Dates

Fall, Spring, Summer

### Course Sequence

Students are allowed to take the courses in any order. However, all course prerequisites need to be followed. For specific suggestions, please speak with a Pathway Advisor or the program faculty. Students should consult with the Program Advisor each semester.

Not all courses are offered each semester; a selection of courses is offered summer term.

#### Minimum Program Entry Requirements

Students entering this program must meet the following minimum program entry requirements:

**Reading:** Score of 250+ or grade of "C" or better in READ 0722 or READ 0724 or EAPP 0900

**Writing:** Score of 250+ on Reading Comprehension or grade of "C" or better in ENGL 0922 or EAPP 0900

**Arithmetic:** Score of 200+

#### Assessment Results and Prerequisites:

Students admitted into Saint Paul College programs may need to complete additional courses based on assessment results and course prerequisite requirements. Certain MATH, READ, and ENGL courses have additional prerequisites.

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