

Political Science

Award

Political Science Transfer Pathway A.A. Degree60 cr

Campus Contact For This Program

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POLITICAL SCIENCE TRANSFER PATHWAY A.A., 60 CREDITS

Political Science Curriculum	9 cr
General Electives	18 cr
Health and Physical Education	2 cr
Additional General Education	31 cr

Purpose

The Political Science Transfer Pathway A.A. offers students a powerful option: the opportunity to complete an Associate of Arts degree with course credits that directly transfer to designated Political Science bachelor's degree programs at Minnesota State Universities. The curriculum has been specifically designed so that students completing the pathway degree and transferring to one of the seven Minnesota State Universities* enter the university with junior-year status. All courses in the Transfer Pathway associate degree will directly transfer and apply to the designated bachelor's degree programs in a related field.

The Political Science Pathway consists of the Required Pathway Curriculum, the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC), and the Health and Physical Fitness Requirement, to bring your credit total to 60 credits.

**Universities within the Minnesota State system include Bemidji State University; Metropolitan State University; Minnesota State University, Mankato; Minnesota State University, Moorhead; Southwest Minnesota State University; St. Cloud State University; and Winona State University.*

Transfer Pathways

With this transfer pathway, you will be able to transfer to the following majors at:

Bemidji State University
Political Science - BA

Metropolitan State University
Political Science - BA

Minnesota State University, Mankato
Political Science - BS

Minnesota State University, Moorhead
Political Science - BA

Southwest Minnesota State University
Political Science - BA

St. Cloud State University
Political Science - BA

Winona State University
Political Science (minor required) - BA

Additional Transfer Pathway agreements have been established by various MN private colleges. Visit mnprivatecolleges.org/transfer for the most up to date information.

Required Political Science Pathway Curriculum 9 credits

Political Science courses beyond the recommended courses are not guaranteed to transfer into a Political Science major at a Minnesota State university. The courses below must be completed successfully according to the university's grade standards AND address the required outcomes in the transfer pathway for Political Science.

1. Introduction to United States Politics 3

- POLS 1111 Intro to U.S. Politics (Goal 5, 9)

2. International Relations/Comparative Politics. 3

- POLS 1101 Intro to Political Science (Goal 5, 8)

3. Political Science Elective (choose one of the following courses) . . 3

- POLS 1121 State and Local Government (Goal 5, 9)
- POLS 1161 Intro to Constitutional Law (Goal 5, 9)
- POLS 1190 Political Science Internship

General Electives 18 credits

Any courses numbered 1000 level or higher from any discipline. This may include additional courses from the MnTC and/or Health & Physical Education.

Health/Physical Education 2 credits

For a list of the requirements and courses, go to: inverhills.edu/MnTC

- Health 1
- Physical Education 1

Additional General Education Requirements 31 credits

The Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) requires a minimum of 40 credits, some of which will be satisfied by the required pathway curriculum. You must complete the MnTC courses that are specifically designated below. You may choose the other courses from each goal area from the list located at: inverhills.edu/MnTC

To streamline your degree, you are encouraged to choose MnTC Goal 1-6 courses that also meet MnTC Goal areas 7-10.

Goal 1 Communication. 3 courses

- ENG 1108 Writing & Research Skills
- ENG 1111, 1114 **or** 1130
- COMM 1100, 1110 **or** 2230

Goal 2 Critical Thinking

- Satisfied by First Year Experience course or MnTC completion

Goal 3 Natural Science (1 course must include lab) 2 courses

- Goal 3a (Life Science) course
- Goal 3b (Physical Sciences) course

Goal 4 Mathematical/Logical Reasoning. 1 course

- Goal 4 course

Goal 5 History/Social Sciences/Behavioral Sciences. . . 3 courses

- Two courses, satisfied by Transfer Pathway
- Any additional Goal 5, non-POLS course

Goal 6 Humanities/Fine Arts/Literature 3 courses

- Goal 6a (Fine Arts) course
- Goal 6b (Humanities/Literature) course
- Any additional Goal 6 course

Goal 7 Human Diversity. 1 course

- Goal 7 course

Goal 8 Global Perspective

- Satisfied by Transfer Pathway

Goal 9 Ethical and Civic Responsibility

- Satisfied by Transfer Pathway

Goal 10 People and the Environment 1 course

- Goal 10 course

Total Credits 60

Full-Time Recommended Course Of Study

Note: Not all courses will be available every semester. For a complete list of Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) Goal Area course choices, please visit: inverhills.edu/MnTC

Semester 1	15-16 credits
POLS 1111 Intro to U.S. Politics* (Goal 5, 9)	3
ENG 1108 Writing & Research Skills (Goal 1a)	4
COMM 1100, 1110 or 2230 (Goal 1c)	3
MnTC Goal 6a course	3
Health & PE Course	1
First Year Experience Course (Goal 2)	1-2
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Semester 2	15 credits
POLS 1101 Intro to Political Science* (Goal 5, 8)	3
ENG 1111, 1114 OR 1130 (Goal 1b)	2-3
MnTC Goal 4 course	3-4
MnTC Goal 6b course	3
MnTC Goal 7 ¹ course	3
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Semester 3	15 credits
POLS elective*	3
MnTC Goal 3a course	3
General elective	3
MnTC Goal 6a or 6b course	3
MnTC Goal 10 ¹ course	3
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Semester 4	14-15 credits
MnTC Goal 5 course (non-POLS)	3
MnTC Goal 3b course	3-4
General electives	6-7
Health & PE Course	1
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Total Credits 60	

* Course required for major

¹ These credits may be taken as electives if Goal Areas 7 and 10 are completed as part of another course.

Part-Time Recommended Course Of Study

Note: Not all courses will be available every semester. For a complete list of Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) Goal Area course choices, please visit: inverhills.edu/MnTC

Semester 1	9-10 credits
POLS 1111 Intro to U.S. Politics* (Goal 5, 9)	3
ENG 1108 Writing & Research Skills (Goal 1a)	4
Health & PE Course	1
First Year Experience Course (Goal 2)	1-2
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Semester 2	9 credits
POLS 1101 Intro to Political Science* (Goal 5, 8)	3
ENG 1111, 1114 or 1130 (Goal 1b)	2-3
MnTC Goal 3a course	3-4
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Semester 3	10 credits
POLS elective*	3
MnTC Goal 3b course	4
MnTC Goal 6a course	3
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Semester 4	9 credits
MnTC Goal 7 ¹ course	3
MnTC Goal 6b course	3
COMM 1100, 1110 or 2230 (Goal 1c)	3
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Semester 5	9 credits
MnTC Goal 4 course	3
MnTC Goal 6a or 6b course	3
MnTC Goal 5 course (non-POLS)	3
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Semester 6	9 credits
MnTC Goal 10 ¹ course	3
General electives	6
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Semester 7	4-5 credits
General elective	3-4
Health & PE Course	1
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Total Credits 60	

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