

# POLITICAL SCIENCE - ASSOCIATE OF ARTS OREGON TRANSFER (AAOT)

## Description

Political science is a social science which deals with the distribution of power and resources through systems of governance. The Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer with a focus in political science includes courses that are commonly required for this major and meets lower-division general education requirements at all Oregon public universities.

## Statewide General Education Student Learning Outcomes

Please see the [General Education page](#) for statewide general education student learning outcomes.

## Entrance Requirements

While this degree has no formal entrance requirements, individual courses may have prerequisites which must be met before enrollment.

## Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
<b>General Education/Foundational</b>		
<u>Health:</u>		
Choose 3 credits <sup>1</sup>		3
<u>Mathematics:</u>		
Choose one course		4
<u>Oral Communication:</u>		
Choose one course		3-4
<u>Writing:</u>		
WR 121Z	Composition I	4
WR 122Z	Composition II	4
or WR 227Z	Technical Writing	
<b>General Education/Discipline Studies</b>		
<u>Cultural Literacy:</u>		
One course from the following categories must be designated as cultural literacy on the Discipline Studies list (credits count once).		
<u>Arts and Letters:</u>		
Choose three courses from at least two prefixes		9-12
<u>Social Science:</u>		
Choose four courses from at least two prefixes <sup>2</sup>		12-16
Recommend: PS 201, PS 204		
<u>Science/Math/Computer Science:</u>		
Choose four courses from at least two prefixes including at least three laboratory courses in biological and/or physical science		12-20
<b>Electives</b>		
Choose any course numbered 100 or above that brings the total credits to 90 quarter hours. This may include up to 12 credits of Career and Technical Education courses designated by COCC as acceptable.		39
Recommend: PS 206		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>90-106</b>

<sup>1</sup> HHPA activity courses (1 credit each) are not to be duplicated.

<sup>2</sup> Take another course from the Social Science Discipline Studies list that does not have a PS prefix.

## Advising Notes

Political science courses do not need to be taken in sequence.

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts should consider completing three terms of a 200-level language course. The 100-level language courses will count as electives. The 200-level language courses will partially fulfill the arts and letters requirement.

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Science should consider taking more math and science courses. Language is not necessary. It is recommended that students pursuing a political science degree take additional social sciences courses to fulfill some elective credits. Economics, geography, and history courses are particularly helpful. For details, speak with an advisor.

## Performance Standards

- Academic Requirements:
  - Students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA to earn a COCC certificate or degree.
  - All courses in the program must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

## Sample Plan

First Term		Credits
Discipline Studies Arts & Letters		3-4
<u>Mathematics:</u>		4
<u>Oral Communication:</u>		3-4
WR 121Z	Composition I	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>14-16</b>
Second Term		
Discipline Studies Arts & Letters		3-4
Discipline Studies Social Science (recommend PS 201)		4
Health (3 credits with HHP or HHPA prefix)		3
WR 122Z	Composition II	4
or WR 227Z	or Technical Writing	
<b>Credits</b>		<b>14-15</b>
Third Term		
Discipline Studies Arts & Letters		3-4
Discipline Studies Science/Math/Computer Science		3-5
Discipline Studies Social Science (recommend PS 204)		4
Elective (recommend PS 206)		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>14-17</b>
Fourth Term		
Discipline Studies Social Science (recommend PS 205)		4
Discipline Studies Science/Math/Computer Science		3-5
Elective		4

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<b>Credits</b>	<b>15-17</b>
<b>Fifth Term</b>	
Discipline Studies Science/Math/Computer Science	3-5
Discipline Studies Social Science	3-4
Elective	4
Elective	4
Elective	4
<b>Credits</b>	<b>18-21</b>
<b>Sixth Term</b>	
Discipline Studies Science/Math/Computer Science	3-5
Elective	4
Elective	4
Elective	4
<b>Credits</b>	<b>15-17</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>90-103</b>