



# Political Science Transfer Pathway AA

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## Political Science Transfer Pathway Curriculum

### Curriculum

#### Requirement 1: All students must complete the following course

Course Code	Title	Course Outlines	Goal Areas	Credits
<a href="#">POLS 1100</a>	American Government and Politics	<a href="#">View-POLS 1100</a>	n/a	3

#### Requirement 2: Students must complete 1 of the following courses

Course Code	Title	Course Outlines	Goal Areas	Credits
<a href="#">POLS 1600</a>	Comparative Politics <b>or</b>	<a href="#">View-POLS 1600</a>	n/a	3
<a href="#">POLS 1700</a>	World Politics	<a href="#">View-POLS 1700</a>	n/a	3

#### Requirement 3: Students must complete 1 of the following courses

Course Code	Title	Course Outlines	Goal Areas	Credits
<a href="#">POLS 1140</a>	State and Local Politics <b>or</b>	<a href="#">View-POLS 1140</a>	n/a	3
<a href="#">POLS 1600</a>	Comparative Politics <b>or</b>	<a href="#">View-POLS 1600</a>	n/a	3
<a href="#">POLS 1700</a>	World Politics <b>or</b>	<a href="#">View-POLS 1700</a>	n/a	3
<a href="#">POLS 2130</a>	Constitutional Law	<a href="#">View-POLS 2130</a>	n/a	3

## College Writing I and II

Course Code	Title	Course Outlines	Goal Areas	Credits
<a href="#">ENGL 1200</a>	Gateway College Writing <b>or</b>	<a href="#">View-ENGL 1200</a>	n/a	4
<a href="#">ENGL 1201</a>	College Writing I <b>and</b>	<a href="#">View-ENGL 1201</a>	n/a	4
<a href="#">ENGL 1202</a>	College Writing II <b>or</b>	<a href="#">View-ENGL 1202</a>	n/a	2
<a href="#">ENGL 1203</a>	College Writing II with Workshop	<a href="#">View-ENGL 1203</a>	n/a	2

## Natural Science (Goal Area 3)- 2 courses, 7 credits from 2 different disciplines, one must be a lab course

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## Mathematics/Logical Reasoning (Goal Area 4) - 3 credits

[Mathematics/Logical Reasoning \(Goal Area 4\) - 3 credits](#)

## Humanities and Fine Arts (Goal Area 6) - 3 courses, 9 credits, from at least 2 different disciplines

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## Human Diversity (Goal Area 7) - 1 course

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## Global Perspective (Goal 8) - 1 course

[Global Perspective \(Goal 8\) - 1 course](#)

## Ethical and Civic Responsibility (Goal Area 9) - 1 course

[Ethical Civic Responsibility \(Goal Area 9\) - 1 course](#)

## People and the Environment (Goal Area 10) - 1 course

[People the Environment \(Goal Area 10\) - 1 course](#)

## Health and Exercise Science - 5 credits from two different disciplines

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## Electives - 12 credits

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## Communication - 3 Credits

Course Code	Title	Course Outlines	Goal Areas	Credits
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ART 1550 <b>or</b>				
<b>COMM 1010</b>	Fundamentals of Public Speaking <b>or</b>	<b>View-COMM 1010</b>	n/a	3
<b>COMM 1110</b>	Principles of Interpersonal Communication <b>or</b>	<b>View-COMM 1110</b>	n/a	3
<b>COMM 1210</b>	Small Group Communication <b>or</b>	<b>View-COMM 1210</b>	n/a	3
<b>COMM 1410</b>	Human Communication Theory <b>or</b>	<b>View-COMM 1410</b>	n/a	3
<b>COMM 1550</b>	Video Game Entertainment <b>or</b>	<b>View-COMM 1550</b>	n/a	3
<b>COMM 1610</b>	Introduction to Mass Communication <b>or</b>	<b>View-COMM 1610</b>	n/a	3
<b>COMM 1810</b>	Introduction to Health Communication <b>or</b>	<b>View-COMM 1810</b>	n/a	3
<b>COMM 1910</b>	Argumentation and Public Advocacy <b>or</b>	<b>View-COMM 1910</b>	n/a	3
<b>COMM 2610</b>	Introduction to Public Relations and Strategic Communication	<b>View-COMM 2610</b>	n/a	3
<b>Total Credits Required</b>			<b>60</b>	

# Program Overview

## 2024-2025

The Political Science Transfer Pathway AA 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 this pathway degree and transferring to one of the seven Minnesota State universities enter with junior-year status. All courses in the Transfer Pathway associate degree will directly transfer and apply to the designated bachelor's degree program in a related field.

Minnesota State Universities: Bemidji State University, Metropolitan State University, Minnesota State University Mankato, Minnesota State University Moorhead, Southwest Minnesota State University, St. Cloud State University, Winona State University.

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## Program Outcomes

- Knowledge: Identify and discuss core concepts, institutions, and processes in the study of Political Science
  - Inquiry and Analysis: Recognize methods and data used in the study of Political Science
  - Civic Knowledge and Engagement: Demonstrate ways to exercise the rights and responsibilities of democratic citizenship
  - Global Learning: Reflect on the roles and responsibilities of global citizens
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## Program Maps

Program roadmaps provide students with a guide to understand the recommended course sequence to complete their degree.

- [Political Science Transfer Pathway AA Program Roadmap Full Time](#)
  - [Political Science Transfer Pathway AA Program Roadmap Part Time](#)
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## Career Opportunities

Information on careers, including career descriptions, salary data, and employment outlook is available on the [Bureau of Labor Statistics website](#) and [O\\*Net Online website](#).

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## Transfer Information

If you are planning on transferring to another institution, follow the guidelines available on our transfer resources web page to help you plan the process: [Transfer Information](#)

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## Degree Information

The Associate of Arts (A.A.) is awarded for successful completion of 60 credits and is designed to constitute the first two years of a liberal arts bachelor degree program. An A.A. degree includes the entire 40 credit Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) as the general education requirement. Students may also choose to concentrate in a particular field of study in preparation for a planned major or professional emphasis at a four year college by following the pre major requirement of the desired transfer institution in addition to the MnTC and A.A. requirements.

A student shall:

- Earn a minimum of 60 semester credits.
- Earn a grade point average of 2.00 (C) or higher in courses taken at North Hennepin Community College.
- Earn a minimum of 20 semester credits of the 60 semester credits required for the A.A. Degree at NHCC.
- Complete the general education distribution requirement listed in the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum. The student shall select general education (MnTC) courses numbered 1000 or above to complete a minimum of 40 credits.
- Have four years in which to complete their work under the terms of the catalog in effect at the time of their first enrollment.
- Students taking more than four years to complete their graduation requirements may follow any catalog in effect during the four year period preceding their date of graduation.

#### Required A.A. Degree Course Distribution:

- Complete 40 credits in the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum satisfying the requirements for each of the 10 goal areas.
- Complete at least 2 credits for the Wellness requirement from either Health (all courses) or Physical Education (all courses).

If the student intends to transfer, he/she is encouraged to work with an advisor to fulfill requirements for transfer to the other institution.

Completion of an A.A. degree fulfills the Goal Area 2 requirement of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC).

**Developmental Courses** Some students may need preparatory course(s) in Math and/or English. Courses numbered below 1000 will not apply toward a degree.

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## Accreditation

North Hennepin Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission ([hlcommission.org](https://hlcommission.org)), an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

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