POLITICAL SCIENCE, AREA OF CONCENTRATION IN ARTS & SCIENCES (AA)

Award: Associate of Arts Degree
No. of credits required: 60
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Program Description

This area of concentration is designed primarily to prepare students for transfer to baccalaureate programs with majors in Political Science or pre-law.

Program Goals

Upon completion of the AA in Political Science, students will be able to:

1. Evaluate rival theories and interpretations of fact through critical thinking.
2. Analyze current issues/events through historical and contextual lenses.
3. Construct personal political opinions supported with relevant evidence.
4. Evaluate the connection between themselves and the communities in which they live (local, national and global).
5. Identify ways to participate effectively in the democratic process.

Transfer Information

Liberal arts colleges and universities typically offer Political Science as a major. The political science courses at Harford are accepted for transfer to Maryland colleges and universities and to public and private institutions nationwide.

Employment Information

The Political Science program prepares students for careers in government, law, urban planning, teaching, foreign service and research.

Degree Requirements
Recommended Course Sequence

First Semester		Credits
ENG 101	English Composition (GE)	3
PS 101	American National Government (GB)	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (GB) (D)	3
Biological/Physical Science (GS)		3
Physical Education Elective		1
	Credits	**13**
Second Semester		
ENG 109	English Composition: Research Writing	3
PS 102	State and Local Government (GB)	3
SOC 212	Race, Class & Gender in the United States (GB) (D)	3
MATH 216	Introduction to Statistics (GM)	4
General Elective		3
	Credits	**16**
Third Semester		
HIST 103	History of the United States I (GB) (GAH) (D)	3
PS 201	Introduction to International Relations (GB)	3
Select one of the following:		3
PS 204	Urban Government and Politics (GB) (D)	
CJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	
PS 106	Introduction to Law (Same course as PL 101) (GB)	
Arts/Humanities Elective (GAH)		3
Biological/Physical Lab Science Elective (GL) (https://catalog.harford.edu/general-education/#biological-physical-laboratory-science)		4
	Credits	**16**
Fourth Semester		
HIST 104	History of the United States II (GB) (GAH) (D)	3
CMST 101	Speech Fundamentals (GI)	3
Arts/Humanities Elective (GAH)		3
General Elective [1]		6
	Credits	**15**
	Total Credits	**60**

[1]   It is recommended that students choose general elective credits that best meet the degree requirements of the receiving institution.

General Education Degree Requirements

Note: The following codes identify courses which satisfy the General Education Degree Requirements:

Behavioral/Social Science (GB)
English Composition (GE)
Arts/Humanities (GAH)
Interdisciplinary and Emerging Issues (GI)
Biological/Physical Laboratory Science (GL)
Mathematics (GM)
Biological/Physical Science (GS)