

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.

Program Goals

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

1. Analyze current issues/events through historical and contextual lenses.
2. Construct personal political opinions supported with relevant evidence, and express them in cogent and compelling written and oral formats.
3. Evaluate the connection between themselves and the communities in which they live (local, national and global).
4. Participate effectively in the democratic process.
5. Perform successfully in a baccalaureate program.

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
PSY 101	General Psychology (GB)	3
Biological/Physical Science Elective (GS) (https://catalog.harford.edu/general-education/#science) ¹		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 101	Introduction to Sociology (GB) (D)	3
Mathematics Elective (GM) (https://catalog.harford.edu/general-education/#mathematics) ²		3
General Elective ³		3

Physical Education Elective		1
Credits		16
Third Semester		
HIST 103	History of the United States I (GB) (D)	3
PS 201	Introduction to International Relations (GB)	3
Select one of the following:		3
CJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	
PS 106	Introduction to Law (Same course as PL 101) (GB)	
PS 204	Urban Government and Politics (GB) (D)	
Arts/Humanities Elective (GH) (https://catalog.harford.edu/general-education/#arts-humanities)		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) (D)	3
CMST 101	Speech Fundamentals (GI)	3
Arts/Humanities Elective (GH) (https://catalog.harford.edu/general-education/#arts-humanities)		3
General Elective ³		6
Credits		15
Total Credits		60

¹ A four credit Biological/Physical Science Lab (GL) course may be substituted.

² A four credit course in mathematics may be substituted. MATH 216 Introduction to Statistics (GM) is highly recommended.

³ It is recommended that students choose general elective courses 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 (GH)
 Interdisciplinary and Emerging Issues (GI)
 Biological/Physical Laboratory Science (GL)
 Mathematics (GM)
 Biological/Physical Science (GS)