

# Hollins University Bachelor of Science in Political Science

## Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Political Science

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS				Complete at Hollins		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT	SATISFIED BY			BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
First-Year Foundations	1-2	SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation		POLS American Government focus elective	4	Should be at the 200-level or above
First Year Foundations	3	ENG 111 College Comp I		POLS American government focus elective	4	Should be at the 200-level or above
Inquiry & Communication	3	ENG 112 College Comp II or ENG 113 Technical-Professional Writing		POLS International Focus elective	4	Should be at the 200-level or above
Creativity & Innovation	3	Any UCGS Art or Humanities	These two courses must come from two different clusters.	300-level POLS course elective	4	
Storytelling, Myths & Narratives	3	Any UCGS Art, Humanities, or Literature		300-level POLS course elective	4	
POLS 101	3	PLS 135 US Govt & Politics		Thesis or 300-level POLS course elective	4	
Storytelling, Myths & Narratives	3	Any UCGS History	History satisfies the same general education requirement as Art, Humanities, and Literature. The credits earned still apply toward the degree.	Minor or Elective Opportunities	42-44	Consult your advisor Recommended options include Core courses that are a distinct element of an HU education: No Planet B (2 credits) Purpose (2 credits) Life Skills Toolkits (4 credits) Experiential Learning (credits vary) Conflict & Collaboration (P/F J-Term - 1st year course)
Thinking Like a Scientist	4	Any UCGS Natural Sciences				
Quantitative Literacy	3-5	Any UCGS Math				

General Education Requirement	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking or 110 Introduction to Human Communication				
General Education Requirement	3-4	Any UCGS transfer course				
POLS 103	3	PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Politics				
POLS 102	3	PLS 241 Introduction to International Relations				
POLS 104 and elective	6	Select 2 courses from: ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics PLS 136 State & Local Politics PLS 2XX Research Methods * PLS 200 Intro to Political Theory				
	12-18	Two semesters of world language through the 102 level is required  Students who have completed all prerequisites (MTH 161 for MTH 245) and community college and four-year college requirements (eg World Languages, ITE, CST) should take additional courses from the rows above or transfer elective courses to fulfill the 60-62 credit requirement				
<b>CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60-62</b>				<b>CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 66-68</b>		

## TRANSFER GUIDANCE

### Guaranteed Admission Agreement

**By meeting the following criteria, you are guaranteed admission to Hollins University:**

- Virginia Community College students (VCCS) graduating from transfer-oriented degree programs with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on a four-point scale are **guaranteed admission**.
- A GPA of 2.5 or higher on all college-level work is recommended for all students seeking to transfer to Hollins University.
- This policy applies for all undergraduate majors. All students declare a major after they arrive at Hollins.

### Program Specific Benefits

**By meeting the indicated criteria in addition to the GAA, students in this program receive the listed benefits:**

- You will be guaranteed a seat in course GPS 216 (if needed) Spring semester of your junior year.
- You will receive a faculty advisor from day one.

### IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **Hollins University Transfer Information:** <https://www.hollins.edu/admission-aid/transfer-students/>
- **Register Intent to Transfer:** through College Connect at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)
- **Admission Application:** Preferred admission deadlines: February 1 for fall term or November 15 for spring term matriculation; apply at <https://admissions.hollins.edu/apply/>
- **Financial Aid:** <https://www.hollins.edu/admission-aid/undergraduate-financial-aid-scholarships/>
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** Apply at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov)

### WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Create a schedule for all required courses, pay attention to prerequisites and when courses are offered, complete your first math and English courses in your first year. For help, see Transfer Steps and Resource Center at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)
- Connect with an advisor at your community college within your first year and your transfer counselor ([transfer@hollins.edu](mailto:transfer@hollins.edu)) at Hollins University if you have questions regarding your transfer pathway. College Connect is available in your account at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)
- Be sure to sign up for both American government and international focus courses as you build your political science schedule. You need 8 additional credits in American government and 4 additional credits in international.
- You must take at least 2 300-level political science classes, plus a third 300-level political class OR 2 300-level political science classes and a senior thesis.

### IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

- The major has four areas of focus: international relations, comparative politics, political theory, and American politics.
- The political science program at Hollins emphasizes the relationship between politics in theory and politics in action. Students may practice what they learn in the classroom both on and off campus through on-campus clubs, independent studies, conferences and/or internships.

### WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON MY DEGREE OF WORK I HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED?

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** Fulfills all Hollins general education requirements. Courses listed above satisfy Hollins major requirements.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** Dual enrollment courses may count toward general education requirements. Completion of an Associate Degree through dual enrollment does not automatically satisfy all general education requirements at Hollins, but all dual enrollment courses will be considered on an individual basis. Students who have not completed college credits after completing their high school degree must take Core 101: First-year Foundations and Core 102: Conflict and Collaboration at Hollins.
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** Credit for prior learning, including CLEP examinations and AP and IB test scores will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis for Hollins credit. Visit [www.transfervirginia.org](http://www.transfervirginia.org) "Check All My Credits" to see how your prior learning will earn credit.)
- **Catalog Year:** Transfer students follow the requirements in the catalog year that they first enter Hollins but may elect to move to a later catalog if they wish.
- **Total Credits:** Typical semester courses at Hollins carry 4 credits, rather than 3 credits. This explains why credits completed at Hollins may be higher than those completed at the community college. This does not increase the number of courses required, nor the cost. For full-time students, Hollins bills per semester, not per credit. Typically, full time students take 16 to 20 credits at Hollins in one semester.

### IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Known for its creative and highly engaged student body, Hollins University prides itself on its nationally recognized and award-winning undergraduate and graduate academic programs, its deeply committed alumnae/i network, its extraordinarily beautiful campus surrounded by the Blue Ridge Mountains, and its unique ability to ensure that each of its students can design a transformational college experience. Hollins is a small, close-knit community with fewer than 1,000 students, focused on holistic support for each student. The average class size is 12, and only women are admitted as undergraduate students. On-campus housing is guaranteed for undergraduates, and a scholarship of at least \$20,000 is guaranteed for transfer students. A \$2,000 scholarship is available for Phi Theta Kappa members. Top majors for transfer students include business, psychology and biology but all programs welcome transfer students. Hollins offers a 5-year Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program and offers a renowned English and creative writing program. We are a small community with big outcomes for students; more than 90% of recent graduates are employed or in graduate school within one year of graduation.
- Learn more about our college at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org) - Transfer Partners

### DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Completing your Associate transfer degree post-high school satisfies all lower division general education requirements and increases the chance of completing your bachelor's degree?
- Exceeding 3 years or 90 credits at your community college means you may have exhausted your financial aid at that college and have limited your future financial aid at Hollins University?

### WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

- The Hollins political science major provides excellent preparation for a variety of careers. Political science majors find fulfilling work in such fields as law, journalism, international business, and public service.
- Political science alums have multiple opportunities to network and make connections, volunteer opportunities, internships, attending conferences and meeting prominent political leaders through a robust faculty and alumnae community. Some alums have returned as Hollins faculty members.
- Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)

### PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

- Model United Nations (MUN) and Arab League (MAL) are projects of the American Model United Nations organization and the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations (NCUSAR). Both programs seek to foster greater understanding of the world by U.S. students. NCUSAR also sponsors internships, study trips to the region, international conferences, and networking opportunities. Hollins has taken part in MUN conferences since 2000 and MAL conferences since 2015. The university hosts the Appalachia Regional MAL conference annually during the Fall semester.

- Hollins has an active pre-law program, led by a local practicing attorney. UVA PROGRAM! Hollins students have taken part in U.Va's Roadmap Scholars' Program for pre-law students.

### WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

- 89% of applicants applying for the fall 2022 cohort were admitted to Hollins University.
- Learn more about applying at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org) and <https://www.hollins.edu/admission-aid/transfer-students/>

### DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

- 90% of recent graduates were employed, in graduate school or engaged in service within six months of graduation.
- Consider a minor or certificate that complements your major and extends your learning. See the complete list of offerings at [www.hollins.edu/majors-and-minors](http://www.hollins.edu/majors-and-minors) (?)
- Political science students may study abroad by participating in a Short-Term trip or taking a full semester overseas. Funding opportunities are available to help with costs.
- Many political science students have published or presented at conferences in the field, thanks to the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellows (SURF) program or the Student Performance and Research Conference (SPARC).

### OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

- All Hollins students, other than Horizon students, complete two half-semester physical activity classes not for credit. Varsity athletes may count a sport for one of these requirements.
- Hollins courses are primarily taught on campus during the traditional workday.
- Students must take an additional 300-level political science course or write a senior thesis directed by a political science faculty member.