TRANSFER GUIDE Catalog Years: 2024-2027

Longwood University BA/BS in Political Science Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Political Science

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

	Complete at VCCS	Complete at Longwood University				
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Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
No transfer credit	1-2	SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation		Upper-level Gen Ed	9	Completed prior to Symposium
ENGL 165	3	ENG 111 College Comp I		Symposium	3	Completed Senior Year
ENGL 1XX	3	ENG 112 College Comp II or ENG 113 Technical- Professional Writing		POSC 270	3	
ANY	3	Any UCGS Art or Humanities	These two courses must come from two different disciplines.	POSC 331	3	
ANY	3	Any UCGS Art, Humanities, or Literature		POSC 353	3	
POSC 100	3	PLS 135 US Govt & Politics		POSC 455	3	
HIST 222	3	HIS 122 United States History Since 1865		POSC 461	1	
ANY	4	Any UCGS Natural Sciences		POSC 492	1	Internship
MATH 171	3	MTH 245 Statistics I	MTH 154 or MTH 161 is a prerequisite.	Concentration requirements	18-24	
COMM 101	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking or 110 Introduction to Human Communication		General electives	10-16	As needed to complete 120 total credits.
	3-4	Any UCGS transfer course	World Languages recommended.			
POSC 200	3	PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Politics				
POSC 305	3	PLS 241 Introduction to International Relations				
	6	PLS 2XX Research Methods could transfer as POSC 250 (required)				

	If interested in Global Politics concentration: ECO 201 = ECON 218 If not interested in Global Politics or Pre-Law concentrations: PLS 136 = POSC 216 PLS 200 and PLS 250 = POSC 2XX			
13-18	Additional Transfer Electives	Recommend a second World Language and recommend PLS 225 = POSC 350, which fulfills requirements in two concentrations.		
	CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60-6	CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 60		

TRANSFER GUIDANCE

Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA): Longwood University and VCCS

By meeting the following criteria, students are eligible for completion of all Foundationlevel courses as well as the Integrating World Languages Perspectives-level course
associated with LU's Civitae general education experience

(https://www.longwood.edu/civitae/).

- A cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on a four-point scale, computed as shown on the twoyear institution transcript.
- Earn a grade of "C" (2.0) or higher in each community college course.
- Disciplinary records are reviewed and evaluated on a case-by-case basis and could affect the student's eligibility.
- Students must complete an AA, AS, or AA&S degree through the VCCS with at least 60 credits.
- Submit to the LU Admissions Office an official transcript showing completion of the applicable associate's degree. Until LU receives the official transcript showing degree conferred, the terms of the GAA will not be applied.

Please visit the Transfer Virginia portal (<u>www.TransferVirginia.org</u>) to find course requirements for different majors (Transfer Tools) and Transfer Guides that outline course requirements for specific majors (Resource Center).

IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- University Transfer Center: http://www.longwood.edu/admissions/transfer-students/
- Register Intent to Transfer: Not required.
- Admission Application: By December 1 for spring admission and by March 1 for fall admission, although we continue to review applications after the March 1 date. Apply at http://www.longwood.edu/apply/.
- Financial Aid: http://www.longwood.edu/financialaid/.
- FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid: The FAFSA priority filing deadline is March 1.
 We recommend filing early to ensure you receive the maximum amount of aid at www.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, and complete your first math and English courses in your first year. For help, see
 Transfer Steps and Resource Center (www.TransferVirginia.org).
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and Longwood University within your first year. Use the College Connect feature in the portal (www.TransferVirginia.org).
- Students interested in a minor should plan to take preliminary coursework as available.
- To complete all Longwood requirements in four semesters, careful planning will be necessary.
 Timely completion will be facilitated by an understanding of the concentrations in Longwood's BA/BS in Political Science and appropriate course selections while at the community college.

IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Our Political Science degree requires an internship or research experience, which is usually completed between the junior and senior year.
- Students can choose a general political science degree or one of two concentrations to pick a focus that's right for them – Global Politics or Pre-Law.

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

- Associate Transfer Degree Completion: Completion of all Foundation-level courses as well as
 the Integrating World Languages Perspectives-level course associated with LU's Civitae general
 education experience.
- Credit for Prior Learning: LU accepts credit for CLEP, Advanced Placement, International
 Baccalaureate, Cambridge, military training/experience, or other forms of advanced standing,
 which will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Students under this GAA who have credit for
 prior learning receive the overarching benefits of the GAA but must present documentation
 from the original agency or experience as part of a course-by-course credit evaluation to
 determine applicability to specific coursework or major requirements.
- Catalog Year: In accord with state policy, students may choose the catalog in effect at the time
 they enroll at Longwood or the one that applies to continuous full-time students at their class
 level.
- Dual Enrollment Completion of Associate Degree in HS: High school students who have earned an applicable associate's degree concurrent with high school graduation are not eligible for guaranteed admission under the terms of this agreement. Such students are considered freshman applicants with transfer credit. If admitted, no distinction will be made by LU regarding college courses applicable to the transferable associate's degree that are completed through dual enrollment. Those students completing applicable associate's degrees, upon receipt of the final official transcript demonstrating completion of the GAA requirements, will be awarded a waiver for Foundation-level courses as well as the Integrating World Languages Perspectives-level course. However, the following will be required of these students to support their transition to Longwood: A. They must attend freshman orientation. B. They must live in on-campus housing unless qualified for a release. On-campus housing is guaranteed for these students. C. They must enroll and pass ENGL 265, The Writing and Rhetoric of Citizenship.

IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Longwood is a mid-sized university where students enjoy the highest percentage of classes taught by full-time professors in Virginia and a residential academic community that offers students the full university experience.
- Our Civitae Core Curriculum classes are capped at 25 students, and class sizes throughout our majors, minors, and concentrations encourage faculty-student collaboration.
- Opportunities for student involvement are a hallmark of the Longwood experience. From
 service organizations, Greek life, club sports, and a long list of clubs based on interests and
 activities, there is something for everyone. Each semester, an involvement fair helps students
 find organizations that are the right fit for them to make their time at Longwood even more
 meaningful.
- With seven on-campus residence halls and two university-managed apartment complexes, students live, learn, and grow together in a true community.
- Learn more at www.TransferVirginia.org.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

- Completing your transfer associate degree post-high school satisfies all lower-division general education requirements and increases the likelihood of completing your bachelor's degree.
- Exceeding three 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 Longwood University.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

• Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at www.TransferVirginia.org

PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

- Do you want to make a difference in the world? If so, majoring in Political Science is a great
 place to start! Come learn to lead responsibly and expertly in our small, lively classes. Here,
 you'll explore, discover and practice how to shape today's political landscape.
- Longwood Political Science majors prepare to lead as responsible citizens in a wide range of
 post graduate -options: American politics, public law, international relations, political
 philosophy, foreign policy, comparative politics and public administration.

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

- Typically, Longwood admits 85% of transfer applicants who seek admission outside of the GAA.
 The average GPA for admitted transfer students tends to be 3.2-3.5.
- Learn more at www.TransferVirginia.org.

DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

- Many of our alumni have gone on to become
 - o FBI, CIA, NSA Agents
 - Homeland Security Analysts
 - Lawyers
 - Lobbyists
 - Congressional Staffers
 - Law Enforcement Officers
 - Stock Brokers

OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

- An internship is part of the program requirements.
- Continue at Longwood and complete an MBA through our innovative program with fully online options.