

Norfolk State University Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Political Science

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS				Complete at Norfolk State University		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT	SATISFIED BY			BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
SEM 101 (1 credit), SEM 102 (1 credit), and SEM 201 (1 credit)	1-2	SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation	Students will receive 1 or 2 credits based on the number of credits transferred from the VCCS course. Students may need to take an additional 1 or 2 credits at NSU to meet the 120-credit-hour minimum.	Cultural Electives ENG 383, MUS 234, HIS 335, HIS 336, HRP 320, HIS 371, SOC 237	6	Two courses from this group are required to satisfy the University's cultural perspectives requirement.
ENG 101	3	ENG 111 College Comp I		Communications ENG 203 ENG 114	3 2	
ENG 102	3	ENG 112 College Comp II or 113 Tech-Prof Writing		Health and PE PED 100 (Fundamentals of Fitness for Life) HED 100 (Personal and Community Health)	1 2	Students may take these courses at VCCS if possible.
Gen. Ed. Art or Humanities	3	Any UCGS Art or Humanities	These two courses must come from two different categories.			
Gen. Ed. Art, Humanities, or Literature	3	Any UCGS Art, Humanities, or Literature		Free Electives	9-15	
POS 100	3	PLS 135 US Govt & Politics				
Gen. Ed. History	3	Any UCGS History		URP 192 URP 292 POS 345 POS 315 POS 332 POS 337 POS 325 POS 463 POS 350	36	

				POS 451 POS 493 Pos 499		
BIO 100 and BIO 100L or SCI 101 and SCI 101L	4	Any UCGS Natural Sciences				
MTH 103	3-5	Any UCGS Math				
ENG 285	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking or 110 Introduction to Human Communication				
Gen. Ed. requirement	3	Any UCGS Social & Behavioral Science (not History)				
CSC 150	3	CSC 110 or ITE 152				
POS Elective	3	PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Politics				
POS 360	3	PLS 241 Introduction to International Relations				
ECN 211 or ECN 212	3	ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics or ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics				
POS 231 & POS 333	6	PLS 136 State & Local Politics PLS 2XX Research Methods PLS 200 Intro to Political Theory				
			Students who have completed all prerequisites and community college requirements should take additional courses from the rows above or transfer elective courses to fulfill the 60-62 credit requirement.			
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60-62				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 60		

TRANSFER GUIDANCE

Guaranteed Admission Agreement between NSU and the VCCS

This degree program is covered by NSU's Guaranteed Admission Agreement.

By meeting the following criteria, you are guaranteed admission to the B.A. in Political Science:

- Earn a transfer associate degree based on the Political Science curriculum.
- Earn a minimum of 2.0 GPA for the associate degree.
- A maximum of 63 credits will transfer and apply toward a bachelor's degree requirements.
- Submit your transfer application for Fall admission by March 1 and for Spring admission by December 1, including an unofficial transcript.
- Request an official transcript to be sent upon completing the associate degree.
- Transfer within four years of first enrolling at the community college and within one year of completing the appropriate associate degree.

Please visit the www.TransferVirginia.org portal 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:** Transfer Admissions & Services <https://www.nsu.edu/transfer>
- **Register Intent to Transfer:** By the end of your first semester at the Community College through College Connect at www.TransferVirginia.org
- **Admission Application:** By May 1 at <https://www.nsu.edu/Admissions-Aid/Apply-Online>
- **Financial Aid:** <https://www.nsu.edu/tuition-and-financial-aid>
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** By October 1 at studentaid.gov

WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Students must take 6 credits in political science electives and 15 credits in electives for political science across the university.
- 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 at www.TransferVirginia.org.
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and Norfolk State University within your first year. College Connect available in your account at www.TransferVirginia.org.

IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Grades of C or higher are required in all Political Science courses that contribute to the major.
- The B.A. in Political Science requires the completion of a capstone project, an independent research project on a topic selected by the student as a component of POS 499.

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

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** Completion of a transfer-level associate degree satisfies all lower-division general education requirements.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** The agreement of guaranteed admission into the college applies to students earning an associate degree concurrent with high school who have completed a transfer-approved degree with a minimum of 45 credits completed through a Virginia Community College, with a GPA of 2.0 or higher and that meets all requirements outlined in the Transfer Guide.
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** All course credits that were awarded by the two-year institution for equivalent prior learning experiences (IB, AP, CLEP, Military, etc.) will transfer based on the transfer equivalence for the course awarded.
- **Catalog Year:** Catalog year determined by first semester of attendance at the community college post high school graduation. For students maintaining continuous enrollment, this entitlement will be in effect for a minimum of four years from the time of the student's first enrollment at the two-year institution. Students must enroll at the four-year institution within one year of completing their associate degree.

IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- NSU has been ranked by U.S. News and World Report as one of the Top 20 HBCUs in the nation.
- It is close to downtown Norfolk and within driving distance of Virginia Beach.
- On-campus housing is available.
- Weekend/evening/summer courses are available, and online degree options are available for several programs.
- NSU is a military-friendly institution.
- Learn more about our college at www.TransferVirginia.org.

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 NSU?

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

- This degree is designed to fulfill a wide range of career goals in the field of Political Science. Career areas of interest include the following: American Politics, Public Administration, International Relations, Pre-Law and Urban Planning. For further information regarding areas of interest, please contact the department.
- Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at www.TransferVirginia.org.

PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

- To increase students' preparedness for specific career goals, the department offers five career areas of interest: Law, Public Administration, Urban Planning, U.S. Politics and Theory, and International Relations.
- Students are encouraged to work closely with their advisor prior to taking courses in the career areas of interest. Twelve (12) credit hours are needed to fulfill the requirements for each career area of interest.

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

- NSU accepts close to 90 percent of students who complete an application.

- The average GPA of students admitted is a 2.9.
- Learn more about applying at www.TransferVirginia.org.

DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

- In addition to the pre-law concentration, the department has just launched a Certificate Program in International Studies.

OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

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