

# Radford University Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

## Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Political Science

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

| Complete at VCCS                                                    |              |                                                                                  |                                                             | Complete at Radford University                     |         |                                                                            |
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| BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT                                       | SATISFIED BY |                                                                                  |                                                             | BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT                      |         |                                                                            |
| Course                                                              | Credits      | CC Course                                                                        | Notes                                                       | Course                                             | Credits | Notes                                                                      |
| UNIV 101 (elective)                                                 | 1-2          | SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation                                |                                                             | BA Language Requirement for the Major              | 6       | If not completed at the community college                                  |
| ENGL 111 (Foundational Writing)                                     | 3            | ENG 111 College Comp I                                                           |                                                             | POSC 301                                           | 3       |                                                                            |
| ENGL 112 (Writing Intensive Course)                                 | 3            | ENG 112 College Comp II or ENG 113 Technical-Professional Writing                | Recommend completing ENG 112                                | POSC 490                                           | 3       |                                                                            |
| General Education                                                   | 3            | Any UCGS Art or Humanities                                                       | These two courses must come from two different disciplines. | POSC 130                                           | 3       |                                                                            |
| General Education                                                   | 3            | Any UCGS Art, Humanities, or Literature course                                   |                                                             | POSC Careers or Internships (3)                    | 3       | 3 Credits in POSC 392 or POSC 485                                          |
| General Education                                                   | 3            | Any UCGS History                                                                 |                                                             | POSC Electives: Any Level POSC Courses (9)         | 9       | 9 political science credit hours if not completed at the community college |
| General Education                                                   | 4            | Any UCGS Natural Science                                                         |                                                             | POSC Electives: 300 or 400 Level POSC Courses (12) | 12      | 12 political science credit hours from upper-level POSC courses            |
| Foundational Math (3 credit hours from either MATH 100 or MATH 125) | 3            | Any UCGS Math                                                                    | Recommend completing MTH 154 or MTH 161                     |                                                    |         | credits to make 120 hours                                                  |
| General Education                                                   | 3            | CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking or 110 Introduction to Human Communication |                                                             |                                                    |         |                                                                            |
| POSC 120                                                            | 3            | PLS 135 US Govt & Politics                                                       |                                                             |                                                    |         |                                                                            |

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| POSC Electives: Any Level POSC Courses (9) | 3 | PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Politics                                                                                                                                                                       | Fulfills 3 credit hours electives required out of Any Level POSC Courses (9)                                                                                                     |  |  |  |
| INST 101                                   | 3 | PLS 241 Introduction to International Relations                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |  |
| ECON 105, ECON 106                         | 6 | <b>Select 2 courses from:</b><br>ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics<br>ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics<br>PLS 136 State & Local Politics<br>PLS 2XX Research Methods *<br>PLS 200 Intro to Political Theory | Each ECO fulfill requirements will fulfill 3 credit of R requirement for POSC.<br>Each PLS course will fulfill 3 credit hours of elective required out of Any Level POSC courses |  |  |  |

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| Gen Ed Elective             | 13-18 | Additional transfer electives | Recommend completing 2 semesters of a foreign language to meet FL requirement for BA degree |                              |  |  |
| CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60-62 |       |                               |                                                                                             | CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 58-62 |  |  |

## TRANSFER GUIDANCE

### Guaranteed Admission Agreement

By meeting the following criteria, students who complete the prescribed curriculum and meet the criteria below are guaranteed admission into Radford University and directly into the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

- Earn a transfer associate degree based on the Political Science Curriculum
- Earn a minimum of 2.8 GPA for the associate degree
- Good academic standing at current institution

Please visit the [TransferVirginia.org](https://www.TransferVirginia.org) portal to find course requirements for different majors and **Transfer Guides** that outline course requirements for specific majors.

### IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **University Transfer Center:** <https://admissions.radford.edu>
- **Admission Application:** By March 1 for priority fall admission and November 1 for priority spring admission at <https://www.radford.edu/admissions/apply/index.html>
- **Financial Aid:** <https://www.radford.edu/fin-aid> , FAFSA priority deadline March 1.
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** <https://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. For help, see Transfer Steps and Resource Center at [www.TransferVirginia.org](https://www.TransferVirginia.org)
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and an admissions counselor at Radford University within your first year. College Connect is available in your account of [www.TransferVirginia.org](https://www.TransferVirginia.org)

### IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Political Science covers a wide variety of fields, from law and government work to foreign service or entrepreneurship. Students who major in Political Science are ready to take on any challenge the world has for them.
- Political science majors have the highest in lifetime earnings among social science majors: \$4.2 million.
- Political Science Majors employed at 18% above the national average
- Paid \$23,000 more than national median

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

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** The completion of the transfer-oriented degree program will satisfy the REAL Curriculum (lower division/general education) requirements.

Students will need to complete all other University, college, and departmental requirements in order to obtain the baccalaureate degree from RU.

- **Dual Enrollment** – Completion of Associate Degree in HS: Students completing the associate degree in high school should apply using the freshman application. If admitted, the student will receive the benefits associated with the transferable associate degree (as noted prior).
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** AP, IB, and CLEP are evaluated for credits (based on receipt and evaluation of official scores).
- **Catalog Year:** Students will be subject to the catalog in effect at the time of enrollment at RU unless otherwise requested.

### IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Main campus is located in the city of Radford and our Radford University Carilion campus is located in Roanoke. RU is well-known for strong faculty/student bonds, vibrant student life and a commitment to student support.
  - Situated in the stunning landscape of southwest Virginia, there are plenty of nearby opportunities to explore the outdoors.
  - With 70+ bachelor's degree programs across a variety of disciplines, the classes at Radford are hands-on and designed to help you prepare for your chosen career path.
  - Transfer students have the option to live on-campus or off-campus within the local area.
  - Over 80% of students receive some form of financial aid.
  - 16 Division I teams and 300+ student organizations.
- Learn more about our university at [www.TransferVirginia.org](https://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 Radford University?

### WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at [www.TransferVirginia.org](https://www.TransferVirginia.org)

### PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

- Students learn real-world problem solving through internships, simulations and participation in events like the [Wicked Festival](#)
- More than 90% of graduates are employed or enrolled in a graduate program within a year of completing their degree
- Our alumni are successful attorneys, public servants, lobbyists, business and community leaders, and elected officials

### WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

- Of students who apply, usually about 65% of transfer applications are accepted to RU and about 80% of the entering transfer class comes from the Virginia Community College System
- Learn more about applying at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)

### DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

- Our department minors such as Legal Studies, Leadership, International Studies, and Wicked Problems complement the Political Science major and allow students to concentrate in specific areas.
- The University supports students who intern in Richmond and Washington D.C. with scholarships to help with costs and housing

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

- All students must complete 120 total credit hours and all BA/major requirements.
- Students must earn an overall GPA of 2.000 and a major GPA of 3.0. The major GPA is defined as all courses in the BA core and all courses prescribed for the major.