

TRANSFER GUIDE
Catalog Years: 2024-2026

University of Virginia Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy & Leadership based on Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts degree

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS				Complete at UVA Batten		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT	SATISFIED BY			BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
	1-2	SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation	Does not transfer	LPPP 2200	3	Major prerequisite
Rhetoric for the 21 st Century First Writing (R21C1)	3	ENG 111 College Comp I		LPPL 2600	3	Major prerequisite PSY 216 at VCCS is equivalent
	3	ENG 112 College Comp II		LPPP 3620	3	
Artistic, Interpretive & Philosophical Inquiry (AIP)	3	ART 101, 102, 121, 223; HUM 201,202, 256, 259; MUS 101, 221; PHI 100, 111, 220		LPPA 3640	3	
Transfer Elective	3	Any UCGS Humanities/Art/Literature	Must be from a different discipline than course completed above			
Historical Perspectives (HP)	3	Any UCGS History course		LPPL 3210	3	
ECON 2010 – Social & Economic Systems (SES)	3	ECO 202	Major prerequisite	LPPA 3650	3	
Chemical, Mathematical and Physical Universe (CMP)	4	CHM 101, 111, 112; GOL 105; PHY 201, 202, 241, 242		LPPP 3230	3	
Quantification, Computation & Data Analysis (QCD)	3-4	MTH 155, 245, 261, or 263		LPPP 4200	3	
AIP	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking or CST 110 Introduction to Human Communication		LPPP 4660	3	
Living Systems (LS)	3	PSY 200		LPPP 4991	3	
World Language (WL)	3-14	Any Foreign Language at the Intermediate level - 202		LPPL 4680	3	

				Special Topics	15	3000-5000 level
Transfer Elective	15-26	Remaining credits to complete associate degree		General Electives	12	To satisfy 60 credits of completion at UVA and 120 credits total for Bachelor degree
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60-62				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 60 (towards 120 total degree credits)		

TRANSFER GUIDANCE

UVA's Frank Batten School of Leadership & Public Policy accepts applications from students entering their third (junior) year. All students are admitted for Fall term entry.

By meeting the following criteria, you position yourself as a strong applicant.

- Complete the Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts.
- Meet all or nearly all the program's general education requirements identified under the VCCS column, including foreign language.
- Progress towards or completion of Public Policy & Leadership major prerequisites.
- Have 54-60 transferable credits.
- Earn a minimum GPA of 3.0 or better at your current institution.

The Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy & Leadership is a two-year degree program. All students entering the program are expected to complete the program in two years. Completing the coursework above will position you to transfer to UVA Batten's BA in Public Policy & Leadership with junior standing and graduate in two years.

IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **UVA Office of Undergraduate Admission:** <https://admission.virginia.edu/transfer/about-transfer>
- **Frank Batten School of Leadership & Public Policy:** <https://batten.virginia.edu>
- **Admission Application:** By March 1 at commonapp.org
- **Financial Aid:** <https://sfs.virginia.edu/uva-financial-aid#:~:text=We%20admit%20you%20based%20on,study%20and%20need%2Dbased%20loans.>
- **FAFSA & CSS Profile** due By April 1

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.
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and UVA Batten's Office of Admission (battenadmissions@virginia.edu) within your first year.

IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

- At UVA Batten, we are committed to solving the world's toughest policy challenges. We know complex issues demand innovative, collaborative, cross-sector relationships and solutions. Our approach to problem-solving and emphasis on ethics reinforces how leadership works, why context matters in decision-making, and which actions lead to tangible results.
- The BA in Public Policy & Leadership is a unique, multidisciplinary program that introduces the many facets of public policy—from the economic and political to the psychological and cultural—and prepares students for robust participation in public life.
- The program focuses on understanding how public policy decisions are made and how to translate that knowledge into action. Students develop a firm grasp of how civic leaders in government, non-profit organizations, and the private sector contribute to collective problem solving in preparation for their future roles as enlightened and ethical leaders in their professional, personal, and civic lives.
- Virginia Community College students are invited to take major prerequisite courses LPPP 2200 – Introduction to Public Policy and LPPL 2600 – Foundations of Behavioral Science as available through UVA while enrolled in your associate degree program. Information can be found at <https://batten.virginia.edu/academics/undergraduate-programs/bachelor-arts-public-policy-leadership/transfer-students>.

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

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** The completion of the Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts results in the fulfillment of all of UVA Batten's general education curriculum requirements.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** The completion of an associate degree concurrent with high school results in 60 credits of coursework towards your degree and most general education courses satisfied. Students apply as and enroll as first year students at UVA for orientation and engagement purposes. Students who complete an associate degree concurrent with high school are not eligible for transfer admission.
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** Consult the Undergraduate Record for Advanced Examination test score (i.e. AP, IB, Military Experience) needed to earn course credit: http://records.ureg.virginia.edu/content.php?catoid=52&navoid=4102#adva_exam.
- **Catalog Year:** UVA Batten honors the general education catalog in effect at the time of the student's first post-high school enrollment into the approved VCCS associate degree. Major

requirements will be determined based on the catalog in effect at the time of the student's matriculation to UVA.

IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Located at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA, this is a full-time, in-person, residential program. Students must be available for classes during the day and some evening classes are required.
- UVA Batten provides the feeling of a smaller school—with plentiful opportunities to develop meaningful connections to faculty, support staff, and fellow students—while offering the benefits of being part of a large university.
- AccessUVA guarantees 100% of demonstrated need for undergraduates, who are admitted on a need-blind basis.
- Learn more about our college at www.TransferVirginia.org.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Completing your associate transfer degree post-high school 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 University of Virginia.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

- The BA in Public Policy & Leadership pairs a liberal arts degree with practical experience and an emphasis on leadership to prepare graduates for a variety of jobs in the government, education, nonprofit and private sectors. It also allows for easy progression to advanced degree programs in law, business, media and the social sciences.
- Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at www.TransferVirginia.org.

PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

- 100% of 2022 graduates had a job or first destination within six months in roles crossing the public, private, and non-profit sectors, including but not limited to: Deloitte, Georgetown Law School, UN Fellowship, AmeriCorps, US Department of Justice and other federal agencies.

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

- UVA Batten practices a holistic review of applications which takes into account how a student's background, perspectives, and experiences shape their interest in public policy, leadership, community engagement, and academic growth. UVA Batten's goal is to admit a well-rounded cohort of students with a shared vision to become catalysts for positive, lasting change in their communities and the world-at-large.
- Learn more about applying at www.TransferVirginia.org.

DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

- Students have the opportunity to participate in research through UVA Batten's research centers and faculty-led labs.
- UVA Batten has dedicated career services to help students put their knowledge and research into action in the workplace through internship and employment opportunities. Financial support is available for un- or under-paid summer internships.
- UVA Batten has an accelerated graduate program which allows UVA students to trim one year of time and expense from the regular two-year Master of Public Policy. Students interested in the MPP should follow curricular requirements to apply for undergraduate transfer to the UVA College of Arts and Sciences (not the Batten School as outlined in this guide).

OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

- Students are encouraged to study abroad through UVA Batten coursework or an affiliated program, with the possibility of gaining elective credit while exploring the world. Scholarships and financial aid are available.
- Students can participate in many forms of public service through co-curricular and extracurricular community-based projects and programs.
- Every undergraduate student completes a capstone seminar in their final semester to gain valuable experience engaging with real world policy issues.