Where does my path start?

You will complete an Associate of Arts – Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) at Shoreline.

Use the AA-DTA Degree Planning Guide, with this sheet, to understand the requirements for graduation.

Once you complete your Shoreline degree, you can transfer to a four-year school to earn a baccalaureate degree in Political Science.

Political Science is also an excellent major for graduate studies in Public Administration, Public Policy, Law, Business and Education.

What is Political Science?

Are you interested in American politics? International affairs? Critical issues such as health, the environment, and civil rights? If so, you should consider studying political science. Political Science is the study of governments, public policies and political processes. Political Science uses both humanistic and social scientific perspectives to examine the ideal forms of government, and how power and resources are allocated in societies throughout the world.

Contemporary issues in Political Science: Democracy and Human Rights, Elections and Political Campaigns, Power, Violence and War, Social Movements and Justice, Government Institutions, Legitimacy and Authority, Political Culture, Political Parties and Interest Groups, Public Policy, and Globalization.

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What can I do with a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science?

Students who major in Political Science gain the knowledge and skills that can be applied to a wide range of careers. For example, political scientists become lawyers, elected officials, city managers, lobbyists, public policy analysts, researchers, professors, mediators, policy planners, public relations specialists and journalists.

What courses should I take?**

Required:
- ENGL& 101; ENGL& 102; One course in Multicultural Understanding; One course in Quantitative/Symbolic Reasoning
- MATH& 146

Recommended:
- CMST &220; World Language if required for university admission or graduation.
- PHIL& 120

Strongly Recommended:
- POLS& 101, 201, 202
- ECON& 201, 202, INTST 200, 201

Recommended:
- POLS 221; World Language if required for university admission or graduation.

Where can I transfer and what does my chosen four-year school require?

Before choosing classes, become familiar with the four-year program where you want to apply: visit the website, email the department, and/or speak with a Shoreline advisor. Below are examples from Washington schools with different admissions and graduation requirements. Check with the school for world language requirements. (Non-native speakers of English are often exempt from this requirement.)

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