

Political Science Transfer Guide McHenry County College

This transfer program for the prospective Political Science major is recommended by the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) and can be incorporated into MCC's Associate in Arts (A.A.) or Associate in Science (A.S.) degree. It is designed to help students who have decided on the Political Science major but who are **undecided about a baccalaureate transfer school**. **If you know where you will transfer, DO NOT use this guide. It is important to get course information specific to the major at that school.** The decision to accept courses is always up to the transfer school, and responsibility for complying with requirements ultimately rests with the student.

Political Science is the study of the theory and practice of government and politics. Baccalaureate programs offer courses in areas such as public administration, public law, international relations, comparative politics, political behavior, political philosophy, and U.S. government. Four-year schools have specific requirements for admission to the major (e.g., minimum grade point average and course prerequisites).

The following are course suggestions to follow while you are deciding on a specific transfer institution. **(Please keep in mind that all of these courses may not substitute for major coursework at the transfer school you choose.)**

PLEASE SEE AN ADVISOR FOR GUIDANCE IN SELECTING A TRANSFER SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATE COURSEWORK.

General Education Core Curriculum

Communications: 3 courses (9 semester credits)

ENG151 (3 cr.) – Composition I
ENG152 (3 cr.) – Composition II
SPE151 (3 cr.) – Introduction to Speech

Mathematics: 1 or 2 courses (3 to 6 semester credits)

(The A.A. degree requires 3 credits and the A.S. degree requires 6 credits.)
Select from IAI Mathematics courses*.

Physical and Life Sciences: 2 courses (8 semester credits)

Select 1 course from the IAI Physical Sciences
Select 1 course from the IAI Life Sciences

Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 courses (9 semester credits)

PLT151 (3 cr.) – U.S. Government
Select 2 more courses from IAI Social and Behavioral Science* (at least 1 must be from outside of the Political Science discipline).

Humanities and Fine Arts: 3 courses (9 semester credits)

Select 1 course from IAI Humanities*.
Select 1 course from IAI Fine Arts*.
Select 1 course from either IAI Humanities or IAI Fine Arts*.

*For complete listings of approved courses, see MCC's catalog or the A.A. and A.S. degree planning sheets.

Political Science Major Courses

The following courses are suggested Political Science courses for the student who is undecided about a transfer school. Please remember that these courses may not substitute for major coursework at the transfer school you choose. *If coursework is accepted, the transfer school may require a grade of "C" or better.*

Political Science Prerequisite Course

PLT151 (3 cr.) – U.S. Government
(PLT151 also will satisfy a Social and Behavioral Science general education requirement.)

Other Political Science Courses

PLT150 (3 cr.) – Intro. to Political Thought
PLT251 (3 cr.) – International Relations
PLT255 (3 cr.) – Comparative Government

Don't Forget!

- **Do not take too long to decide on your transfer school. There is no guarantee that all of the courses listed on this guide will be required at your transfer school. Also, there may be other MCC courses that your transfer school will accept.**
- **Foreign language is a graduation requirement at some 4-year schools.**
MCC's A.A. degree foreign language requirement: Completion of the same foreign language through the 4th semester college-level class.
- **The completion of the coursework on this guide does not satisfy a degree at MCC.**

The Illinois Articulation Initiative website was used to create this guide. Transfer guides are produced as a service to MCC students. Every effort is made to maintain up-to-date and accurate information; however, this information is subject to change. Students should check with an MCC advisor and with the IAI website (www.itransfer.org) for the most current course recommendations.