

Liberal Arts: Humanities and Social Science (Political Science)



◆ TRANSFER DEGREE M MIDDLETOWN CAMPUS DL DISTANCE LEARNING

Program Description

The study of political science prepares students for careers in education, government service, and the legal professions, while at the same time, honing the communication and critical thinking skills sought by 21st century employers. Designed for Seamless transfer to four-year SUNY colleges, the Political Science Transfer Path not only allows students to complete the initial coursework in the discipline, it also provides students the opportunity to study with experts in the fields of American politics, International Relations, State and Local Government, some of whom have held or currently hold public office.

For more information, visit the [SUNY Transfer Path](#) website.

This degree has been approved by SUNY and NYS Education Department for online distance learning delivery. This does not mean that SUNY Orange offers every course in the program online; however, many are offered in this format. Please check the current credit course schedule for online DL virtual course listings offered each semester.

Program Outcomes

Upon graduating with a Liberal Arts: Humanities and Social Science degree, students will:

- demonstrate foundational knowledge of and an appreciation for the cultural, social, and natural worlds
- recognize the diversity of human experience, values, and perspectives
- demonstrate an understanding of the forms of artistic expression and their creative processes
- apply critical thinking and systematic reasoning skills.
- demonstrate information management, quantitative skills, and an understanding of the role of empirical measurement
- use effective oral and written communication skills
- transfer to, and succeed at, an upper-level institution

Admission Criteria

Admission to this program requires that students be high school graduates or have high school equivalency diplomas (HSEs). If students are not high school graduates, they may be eligible for admission to the College's 24 Credit Hour Program. If students are home schooled, they may be eligible for admission.

Transfer Options

SUNY Orange has special relationships with upper-level colleges and universities for transfer. These transfer institutions include:

- four-year institutions in the State University of New York (SUNY) system
- private NYS and national four-year institutions

To provide for a smooth transfer, students should consult with both their academic advisors and the potential transfer institutions for academic course selection and guidance as soon as possible.

Your Career Coach

The Associate in Arts degree program serves as a foundation for students who will complete their bachelor's degree at a four-year institution. They may then pursue careers in a number of areas. In addition, successful completion of a bachelor's degree can also lead to continued study on the graduate level.

[Explore careers with Career Coach](#)

Political Science Track Gateway Courses:

- Gateway courses: POL 101; HIS 101 or HIS 102
- Key courses: POL 102, POL 103, POL 220, POL 221
- Electives: General Electives in the Social Sciences

Courses above have been recommended by the department to help introduce you to the program (Gateway courses) and guide you in selecting courses that will provide you with the best academic experience (Key courses and suggested Electives).

First Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
ENG 101	Freshman English 1	P	3
MAT ____	SUNY Math (GE 1)		3
COM 101	Foundations of Communication		3
PSY 111	Introduction to Psychology		3

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Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
Either	Introduction to Political Science		
POL 101			
Or	US Government - National		3
POL 103			
PES 100	Concepts of Physical Wellness		1
	Total Semester Credits		16

Milestones

During this semester, students should:

- Complete POL 101 (Intro to Political Science)
- Registered for second semester classes

Second Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
ENG 102	Freshman English 2	P	3
_____	SUNY Natural Science (GE 2)		3
POL 102	US Government - State and Local		3
_____	SUNY Foreign Language (GE 9)		3
_____	General Elective		3
PES ____	Activity Courses		1
	Total Semester Credits		16

Milestones

During this semester, students should:

- Complete HIS 101 (United States History 1) or HIS 102 (United States History 2)
- Complete POL 220 (Comparative Governments)

Third Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
ENG 2__	Advanced English		3
POL 104	Introduction to Political Thought		3
ANT 101	Cultural and Social Anthropology		3
_____	Math/Liberal Arts Science/Computer Science		3
_____	SUNY Arts (GE 8)		3
	Total Semester Credits		15

Milestones

During this semester, students should:

- Complete International Relations (POL 221)
- Begin Language Requirement (competency at or above 102-level)
- Perform a Degree Audit

Fourth Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
ENG 2__	Advanced English		3
HIS 2__	SUNY History (GE 5 or GE 6)		3
POL 220	Comparative Governments	P	3
POL 221	International Relations	P	3
Either	US History 1		
HIS 101			
Or	US History 2		3
HIS 102			
	Total Semester Credits		15

Milestones

During this semester, students should:

- Complete electives

- Complete language requirement (competency at or above 102 level)
- Apply for graduation

TOTAL DEGREE CREDITS: 62