

Pathway: **Political Science**

Area of Study: **Social Sciences, Humanities, and Language**



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Overview

This two-year program is designed for students who wish to complete an Associate of Arts - Direct Transfer Agreement degree with a concentration in Political Science. Students in this pathway develop skills in critical analysis, research, multicultural awareness, communication, information literacy, audience analysis, networking, and leadership. (Read program QR code to see more)

Estimated Length of Completion

Degree: Associate of Arts - Direct Transfer Agreement (LASDTAA)
6 quarters, Full time

Career Opportunities

A Political Science pathway can lead to various career opportunities. Examples include:

- Policy Analyst/Legislative Assistant
- Lobbyist
- Political Campaign Staff
- Marketing Research Analyst
- Public Relations Specialist
- Attorney
- Teacher
- Intelligence Analyst
- Social Media Manager
- College Student Leadership and Acti ...(Read program QR code to see more)



Future Education

Once you complete the Associate degree, additional educational opportunities include:

- A Bachelor's degree in **Political Science, International Studies, Economics, Media & Communications**, or a related field at a four-year college or university.

Seattle Central College has direct transfer agreements with four-year institutions throughout Washington state, including University of Washington, Washington State University and Seattle University. Political Science graduates from Central have also transferred to out-of-state institutions.

Program and admissions requirements vary from college to college. Contact an advisor to create an educational plan tailored to transfer to the institution of your choice. You can use the College Navigator search engine found at <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator> to find Political Science programs in Washington state or around the country.



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Get Started

Step 1: Apply and register at South Seattle College anytime (the application is always free). Once you become a student, register for classes using the online class schedule and go to the academic calendar for registration dates and tuition deadlines.

Step 2: See an advisor to create a personalized educational plan by the end of your second quarter. Your plan will include prerequisites, graduation requirements, and transfer preparation if you plan to transfer to another college or university to earn a bachelor's degree.

Tuition and Fees

Learn more about the [estimated cost of attendance and general fees to attend college](#).

Financial Aid and Funding Resources

It's time to apply for Financial Aid for next year by completing either the [FAFSA](#) or the [WASFA](#) 2024-25.

Need help paying for college?

To apply for financial aid, including grants and scholarships you don't have to pay back, visit [South's Financial Aid Department](#) for details. Part-time and full-time students can qualify for financial aid funds.

Program Contact

For more information, contact
Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Division
206.934.4164

AHSS.Central@seattlecolleges.edu

Advising Contact

- [Advising hours and services](#)
- Schedule phone and Zoom appointments: [Starfish](#), Email, and phone
- AdvisorCentral@seattlecolleges.edu
- 206.934.4068
- Location: Broadway Campus BE1102D



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Before Quarter One

- Attend New Student Orientation
- Explore careers and majors: workshops, counseling and [Career Exploration Center](#)
- Visit the [Financial Aid Office](#) to explore how to pay for college
- Transfer previous college credits to Central *if applicable*
- Take the [Math](#) and [English placement](#) if needed

Sample Schedule

This is an example of a quarterly schedule:

Quarter 1

- ENGL&101 English Composition I (5 units)
- POLS&101 Intro to Political Science (5 units)
- MATH116 Applications of Math: Mgmt, SS (5 units)
- HDC101 Orientation to College (3 units)

Quarter 2

- ENGL&102 Composition II (5 units)
- POLS&202 American Government (5 units)
- MATH&146 Introduction to Statistics (5 units)

Quarter 3

- Individuals/Cultures/Societies or ECON&201 or ECON&202 (5 units)
- POLS&203 International Relations (5 units)
- Visual, Literary and Perf Arts or CMST&220 (5 units)

Quarter 4

- Natural World Lab Science or BIOL&100 (5 units)
- Visual, Literary and Perf Arts or World Languages 1 (5 units)
- Individuals/Cultures/Societies or AME150 (5 units)

Quarter 5

- Natural World or ENVS&101 (5 units)
- Individuals/Cultures/Societies (5 units)
- Visual, Literary and Perf Arts or World Languages 2 (5 units)

Quarter 6

- Natural World (5 units)
- Individuals/Cultures/Societies or POLS170 (5 units)
- Visual, Literary and Perf Arts or World Languages 3 (5 units)



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Sample Quarterly To-Do List

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Quarter 1

- Schedule an appointment with your assigned advisor in [Starfish](#) to discuss your academic goals and to create a short-term educational plan
- Visit the [Learning Support and Tutoring Center](#) for tutoring
- Drop by the [Library](#) to get help with research; check out resources; access computers and study space; and create media projects

Quarter 2

- Research and develop a list of four-year colleges and universities
- Attend transfer workshops and a transfer fair
- Meet with a Political Science faculty during their posted office hours to discuss possible careers and academic opportunities
- Apply for the [Seattle Colleges Foundation Scholarship](#) and other scholarships

Quarter 3

- Consider Student Leadership positions and other on-campus jobs
- Visit potential universities and determine application deadlines
- Meet with Transfer Center advisor to determine transfer eligibility
- Check with transfer institutions' planning resources for core political science courses required for major
- Attend Undergraduate Research Festival at University of Washington (occurs annually in Spring)

Quarter 4

- Create long-term educational plan with your assigned advisor
- Research and contact Political Science departments at potential universities
- Attend transfer workshops and a transfer fair
- Attend transfer day at prospective university
- Write your personal statement for university applications
- Check in with Political Science faculty during their posted office hours regarding possible careers and academic opportunities

Quarter 5

- Apply to universities or colleges and scholarships
- Look for summer internships such as Research Experience for Undergraduates (REUs).
- Plan to participate in the transfer student events at prospective universities
- Apply for FAFSA or WASFA at transfer university
- Ask for letters of recommendation (if needed)

Quarter 6

- [Apply for graduation for the AA-DTA degree](#)
- Check in with university for admissions status
- Order cap and gown for commencement and join [Seattle Central Alumni Association](#)
- Attend graduation fair and [commencement ceremony](#).



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