

# Major Planning Guide:

## Political Science

### What can I do with a degree in political science?

Political science majors should graduate with a solid understanding of political theories and systems, as well as strong critical thinking, analytical, and communication skills. Political science is a popular major for students who plan to go on to law school. Political science majors may also go on to work in public policy, non-profits, government agencies, or in business.

### Related Majors/Programs

Law, Society, and Justice  
Economics  
American Ethnic Studies  
Communication  
International Studies  
Pre-Law

### Where can I earn a bachelor's degree in political science in Washington?

Many universities offer political science as an undergraduate major. 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.

### How do I prepare to major in political science?

Here are a few steps that we recommend you take to make sure that political science is the right choice for you. There are many different types of careers in political science, and it is important to do some research ahead of time to find the one that best fits your goals. An advisor can help you choose the transfer degree, and what courses you should take while you are here at Seattle Central.

#### Step One: Research

- Those who are undecided about a major/career can make an appointment with our Career Exploration Center in BE1102E to take a career assessment test. This assessment can reveal your interests, values, and skills which then match you up with potential careers and programs that prepare you for specific career paths.
- Most universities offer a political science major, but the concentrations they offer vary. If you want to study comparative politics or international security, for instance, make sure your intended transfer university offers that focus.
- Our Transfer Center in BE1102F can help find universities you are interested in attending and guide you through the application process.

## Step Two: Pick a Degree

Students planning to major in political science often earn the Associates of Art (AA-DTA) degree. Advisors can help students understand what political science requirements are necessary for transfer. You may pick up a degree planning worksheet for the AA-DTA ([purple sheet](#)) in BE 1102 lobby.

## Step Three: Make a Long Range Academic Plan

Students planning to major in political science at a university usually take courses in political science, as well as general education requirements, to prepare to transfer. Some universities may require coursework in history, international relations, economics, statistics, calculus, or computer science. It is strongly recommended to consider study abroad and/or do internships before completing a bachelor degree.

---

English	Political Science	Math	Other Courses
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL& 101	<input type="checkbox"/> POLS& 101	<input type="checkbox"/> MATH& 146	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Language
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL& 102	<input type="checkbox"/> POLS& 202	(recommended)	<input type="checkbox"/> History
	<input type="checkbox"/> POLS& 203		<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 201 & ECON 202
	<input type="checkbox"/> POLS 220		(recommended)

---

**Please note: this is not a complete list of prerequisites. You should consult with an advisor at Seattle Central to make sure you take the appropriate courses to be prepared to enter the major.**

\*Check prerequisites, admission requirements, and GPA requirements at your intended transfer university early so you can be well-prepared to transfer.

## What are my next steps?

---

- Once you have had the chance to explore the career opportunities in political science you might want to schedule an appointment to meet with an advisor to plan out your course of study. You can make an appointment by stopping by the Advising office in BE 1102D or calling us at 206-934-4068. *(If you are an international student, please stop by International Education Programs in BE 1113).*
- Attend Transfer Fairs and Career & Networking Fairs hosted by our office throughout the year.
- Explore the professional organizations in your area of interest for more information about education and career options.

### Seattle Central College is an Equal Opportunity Institution

Seattle Central College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnicity, religion, disability, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, veteran status, or age in its programs and activities.

### Reasonable Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Seattle Central College is committed to providing qualified students with a disability an equal opportunity to access the benefits, rights, and privileges of services, programs and activities in an accessible setting appropriate to the student's needs. No student shall, on the basis of her or her disability, be excluded from participation, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any Seattle Central College program or activity.