POLITICAL SCIENCE
Associate of Art/Associate of Science degree

Program and Career Description:

The Political Science emphasis is a two-year program for students planning to complete a bachelor's degree at a four-year school. Individuals majoring in political science have a variety of job careers such as lawyers, politicians, and police officers. A few selected careers are listed below.

Career	Entry-Level Education	Entry-Level Pay	Median Pay	Experienced Pay
Lawyer	Doctoral degree	$55,600	$102,880	$163,750
Police Officer	High School diploma to Bachelor's degree	$31,240	$43,190	$50,100
Court Reporter	High School diploma; some college; no degree	$48,210	$59,100	$70,470

Career and salary information taken from *JOBS4TN.GOV*. Check out this website for additional information about job descriptions, education requirements and abilities, and supply and demand for these careers. For additional information from a national perspective, go to Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor on the internet at *www.bls.gov*. Visit the Occupational Outlook Handbook on this website. Salaries are not guaranteed.

Transfer Options

This program is a Tennessee Transfer Pathway (TTP) major. A student who completes the associates degree in this major is guaranteed that all required community college courses will be accepted in this major at the transfer institution. To see which four-year institutions offer this TTP major and guarantees a seamless transfer, visit the Tennessee Transfer Pathway website at *www.tntransferpathway.org*.

Articulation agreements exist between other private and non-TN public institutions. These agreements are available at *www.columbiastate.edu/admissions/transfer-information*.

COLUMBIA STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Major in Tennessee Transfer Pathway with Emphasis in Political Science (A.A., A.S.)

Program Requirements

Students may be required to take additional Learning Support courses.

Communications Requirement
COMM 2025 or COMM 2055
ENGL 1010, 1020

History Requirement (Take 2 courses)
HIST 2010, 2020, 2030, 2310, 2320

Humanities/Fine Arts (Take 3 courses -- one must be a literature course)
ART 1035, 2000, 2020
ENGL 2160, 2860
HUM 1010, 1020
MUS 1030
PHIL 1030, 1040, 2200
THEA 1030
Literature Options: ENGL 2055, 2130, 2235, 2310, 2320

Natural Sciences Requirement (Take 2 courses)
ASTR 1030
BIOL 1080 (must not be paired with another BIOL)
BIOL 1110, 1120, 2010, 2020
CHEM 1110, 1120
ESCI 1010, 1020
PHYS 2010, 2020, 2110, 2120
PSCI 1030

Mathematics Requirement
MATH 1530

Social/Behavioral Sciences
ECON 2100 (required)
Take one course from the following:
ANTH 1230, 1430
ECON 2200
GEOG 2010
MCOM 1110
PHED 2120
POLS 1010, 2025, 2035 (Cannot be used more than once to satisfy program requirements)
PSYC 1030, 2130
SOCI 1010, 1040, 2010

Major Required Courses
COLS 101
POLS Elective (POLS 1010 or POLS 2025 or POLS 2035)
POLS 1030
Electives*

Note: An elective can be any college-level course.

If you have completed TN eCampus courses, run a degree audit from the student tab in myChargerNet to determine how these courses apply to this program.

Requirements for Graduation include:
• earning 25% of total program credits in residence at Columbia State.
• earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
• taking the Exit Exam.

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Sample Academic Plan

First Year – Fall Semester

____	ENGL 1010	English Composition I	3
____	ECON 2100	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
____	MATH 1530	Introductory Statistics	3
____	POLS Elective		3
____	COLS 101	Columbia State College Success	1
____	Elective*		3
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First Year – Spring Semester

____	ENGL 1020	English Composition II	3
____	COMM 2025	Fundamentals of Communication or	
	COMM 2055	Argumentation and Debate	3
____	Social/Behavioral Science		3
____	POLS 1030	American Government	3
____	Electives*		3
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Second Year – Fall Semester

____	Literature Requirement	3
____	History Requirement	3
____	Natural Science Requirement	4
____	Humanities/Fine Arts	3
____	Elective*	3
		16

Second Year – Spring Semester

____	Natural Science Requirement	3
____	Humanities/Fine Arts	3
____	History Requirement	3
____	Elective*	3
		13

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 60

*If pursuing the A.A. degree, 6 of the 13 elective hours must be one-year sequence of the SAME foreign language. Requirements for a Bachelor of Arts Degree at universities include demonstrated competency in foreign language at the intermediate level. Community college students are encouraged to attain intermediate-level competency in foreign before transferring. Complete information At some universities, foreign language may be required in certain programs that lead to the Bachelor of Arts Degree. Complete information regarding foreign language requirements at each university may be found on the transfer and articulation web sites of the Tennessee Board of Regents and the University of Tennessee System. Community college students are encouraged to be familiar with foreign language requirements at the universities and, if applicable, complete the requirements before transferring.