



POLITICAL SCIENCE (504)

Associate of Arts

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

The program provides a thorough introduction to all fields of political science. Emphasis is placed on governing systems, local and state government, public policy, the electoral process, foreign policy, and international relations. Opportunities are provided for participation in political campaigns. Visiting speakers often appear on campus to enhance course content. This program is designed for the student intending to pursue a baccalaureate degree in political science.

NATURE OF WORK AND EMPLOYMENT

Baccalaureate-degree political science majors typically are employed in private-sector management and public-sector positions on the local, state, and national levels. A growing number of interest groups and foundations are employing more political science majors. The field also serves as preparation for a pre-law major.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The listed coursework is a recommendation only. Students should check with a student advisor for HCC graduation requirements and specific university requirements in this major.

Students must meet with an advisor to ensure that the special requirements of the department and institution to which they plan to transfer are met. Political Science majors are strongly encouraged to include a foreign language as part of their program of study. Colleges and universities have specific requirements for transfer students.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

Call Highland at 815-235-6121 for the following program contacts:

- Dr. Thompson Brandt, Dean, Humanities and Social Sciences
- Dr. Andrew Dvorak, History Faculty
- Mr. Jim Phillips, History Faculty
- Ms. Heather Moore, Student Advisor

RECOMMENDED COURSES

The following are recommended courses for this major only. Students must still meet all requirements for the Associate of Arts degree (see page 48) in order to graduate from Highland Community College. For more information, please see your student advisor.

POL	151	Introduction to Political Science	3
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POL	153	State and Local Government	3
POL	253	International Relations	3
POL	254	Introduction to Comparative Government	3